

Hello,

I am writing with regard to SCR 4014 and asking you to vote YES.

SCR 4014 is consistent with the wishes of 80 percent of Americans who want wild horses protected. I am part of that 80 percent.

Wild horses are integral to the ecosystem of the landscape of the Park that inspired President Theodore Roosevelt and inspires so many people today. They are not just part of the scenery, but are essential to the native wildlife and wilderness. These horses are vastly less intrusive than other animals, such as cows and sheep.

The horses in the Park descendants of the original Badland horses with historical lineages that trace all the way back to the horses surrendered by Sitting Bull in the late 1800s. **The Teddy Roosevelt horses are North Dakota's only wild horse herd and should be protected as such.**

The Teddy Roosevelt herd must be kept at a minimum of 150 horses in order to ensure a genetically viable herd.

SCR 4014 will help support ecotourism and business development in North Dakota by protecting the horses. Many visitors love to visit places where they can spot wild horses and they add so much to the landscape for tourists.

Last summer, I visited North Dakota for the first time. We loved it and discussed buying land and/or traveling up more frequently for vacationing and sightseeing. If the horses are removed, I will not spend tourism dollars in the state and we will seek out other places to take those trips and spend the money.

Please vote YES on SCR 4014 to support humane, scientifically recommended methods of managing these wild horses on the public lands they call home.

Sincerely,

Elisabeth Mankamyer