

Members of the Committee,

I write to encourage you to vote YES on SCR 4014. SCR 4014 is consistent with the wishes of 80 percent of Americans who want wild horses protected and will therefore help to support ecotourism and business development in North Dakota by protecting the horses.

Wild horses are integral to the scenery, native wildlife, and wilderness qualities of the Park – the landscape that inspired President Theodore Roosevelt and still inspires visitors today.

The Teddy Roosevelt horses are North Dakota's only wild horse herd and should be protected as such. They are 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.

My plans in the next year include domestic travel but if the horses are removed, I will not spend tourism dollars in the state.

Sincerely,

David Doering