

Dear North Dakota House Agriculture Committee

As a US citizen and animal lover, I am urging you to leave the Teddy Roosevelt wild horses FREE and WILD on our PUBLIC lands, as they are North Dakota's only wild horse herd and should be protected as such. Not only are they an iconic symbol of our country, they are a vital part of the ecosystem, as much as any animal in the wild. I am against the eradication of this or any other herd; and they must be kept at a minimum of 150 horses (preferably more, all of them) in order to ensure a genetically viable herd. Once they are near extinction, it will be too late to save this beautiful and loved breed of horses. There is vast room to roam, and room for all of the horses, burros and cows to coexist.

SCR 4014 will help support ecotourism and business development in North Dakota by protecting the horses.

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

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

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Doris Kelly