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Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee,

I am seeking your support in your position on the National Parks Subcommittee to NOT remove the historic, genetically unique, herd of horses that have been free roaming in Theodore Roosevelt National Park for the past 76 years.

I believe that removing this genetically unique herd of horses is a profound loss to a direct, historical link to President Teddy Roosevelt himself and the native nations of the United States. I also believe this is a significant loss of tourism revenue for North Dakota. In addition, this herd of horses would be an overwhelming loss of an intangible cultural heritage for the state of North Dakota, the American West, and America for our future generations.

I do support creating a new wildlife management plan that will ensure the herd will remain a genetically viable and productive herd using modern scientific methods. I support providing the staffing and resources to Theodore Roosevelt National Park so the herd will continue to thrive and co-exist with all other species as they have been doing since before the reintroduction of bison and elk to this historic landscape.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I imagine you would like to be known as the legislator who preserved President Teddy Roosevelt's legacy to the America West, the wild mustangs, and the native nations of this region.

Respectfully,

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