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I am writing in support of SCR 4014. Specifically, I hope that the Teddy Roosevelt herd of wild horses is maintained at a minimum of 150 horses in order to ensure a genetically viable herd.

As North Dakota's only wild horse herd, it should be protected and encouraged to thrive, particularly in light of its DNA heritage proving a connection to horses surrendered by Sitting Bull in the late 1800s. It is incumbent on us to support humane, scientifically recommended methods of managing these wild horses on the public lands they call home.

To me, wild horses embody the spirit of America. I know I'm not alone in this, given that polls have shown that 80 percent of Americans want wild horses to be protected.

Thank you for sponsoring this bill. I hope that we will soon celebrate its passage.

Regards,  
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