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Secretary of the Interior

Director of the National Park Service

I am writing in support of SCR 4014 to keep the wild horses on the Theodore Roosevelt National Park. They are an integral to the wilderness of the park. It is a landscape that inspired President Theodore Roosevelt and inspires countless visitors today. I was a first time visitor to the park in October 2022 and loved being there and feeling the history, yes the history of how this country came to be. Horses were a major part of our journey.

The horses in the park are North Dakota's only wild horse herd and should be protected as such. SCR 4014 will help support ecotourism and business development in the state. Eighty percent of Americans want wild horses protected. SCR 4014 would do that for the horses in North Dakota.

Two final thoughts: I will NOT spend tourism dollars in the state if the horses are removed. There is no reason to visit the park. 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,

Sheryl L. Starr