

Dear North Dakota Legislative Assembly,

Thank you for this opportunity to give testimony about SCR 4014, the state resolution to keep the Teddy Roosevelt wild horse herd intact.

The Teddy Roosevelt horses are North Dakota's only wild horse herd and must be protected. 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.

Not only will SCR 4014 help support ecotourism and business development in North Dakota by protecting the horses, the state resolution is also consistent with the wishes of 80 percent of Americans who want wild horses protected. If North Dakota stands strong on this issue supporting the wild horse herd, you can be sure there will be many more people in the nation proud of this state and standing up to support you.

It is imperative that SCR 4014 be specific in clarifying that the Teddy Roosevelt wild horse herd must be kept at a minimum of 150 horses in order to ensure a genetically viable herd. There is a plethora of scientifically recommended humane methods of managing these wild horses on the public lands they call home. Those resources are available to you.

Please vote YES on SCR 4014.

Thank You,

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