

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my support of SCR 4014 to IMPLORE the Secretary of the Interior and the Director of the National Park Service to preserve North Dakota's wild horse herd. I am completely against the severe reduction or total eradication of these magnificent mustangs. These horses have been there for eons and they deserve to be protected, NOT exterminated. The Governor has already spoken out against this plan. The majority of the public (80%) are against removing these wild horses, and for that matter, I will never visit this state if lethal means are used to manage the herd. It is a heinous proposition to destroy part of our national heritage. These horses are remaining descendants of the Badland horses that trace all the way back to horses surrendered by Sitting Bull in the 1800's. The Teddy Roosevelt horses are North Dakota's ONLY wild horse herd and they have a right to be protected, NOT murdered. The herd should be kept at a minimum of 150 horses to maintain a genetically viable herd.

I IMPLORE you to vote YES on SCR 4014 to support humane methods of managing these iconic horses on PUBLIC lands they call home.

Best regards,

Laura McGowan