

February 8, 2023

Subject: Public Testimony Registration and Submission

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Public Hearing

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Peace Garden Room - ND State Capitol

As a lifelong equine lover and advocate I support SCR 4014. 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.

The horses in the Park are descendants of the original Badland horses with historical lineages that trace all the way back to the horses surrendered by Sitting Bull in the late 1800s. SCR 4014 will help support ecotourism and business development in North Dakota by protecting the horses.

The Teddy Roosevelt horses are North Dakota's only wild horse herd and should be revered and protected as such.

Vote YES on SCR 4014 to support humane, scientifically recommended methods of managing these wild horses on the public lands they call home.

Most Sincerely,

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