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Dear North Dakota Senate Committee,

Thank you for your time and efforts to effectually care for the great state of North Dakota. Please consider my remarks **in support** of SCR4014.

Please preserve this cherished wild horse herd. The Governor has already spoken out against this plan and 80% of Americans want our wild horses protected. I love to visit North Dakota and spend my hard earned money enjoying all it has to offer but I will absolutely stop if these beautiful descendants of the Badland horses are removed as I cannot support a state that eradicates native icons. Here are a few points to consider:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. The Teddy Roosevelt horses are North Dakota's only wild horse herd and should be protected as such.
4. The Teddy Roosevelt herd must be kept at at a minimum of 150 horses in order to ensure a genetically viable herd.
5. SCR 4014 will help support ecotourism and business development in North Dakota by protecting the horses.

Please vote YES on SCR 4014 to support humane, scientifically recommended methods of managing these wild horses on public lands they call home! They are not only icons but fellow souls who deserve to be honored and respected for generations to come.

Thank you for your time,  
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