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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing as a concerned citizen who is in favor of SCR 4014 which is to support the humane and scientifically recommended methods of managing the wild horse herds on public lands in North Dakota that they call home. The wild horses are part of the beauty of the native wildlife and wilderness qualities of the park – which is indeed the landscape that inspired President Theodore Roosevelt and still inspires visitors today. SCR 4014 is consistent with the wishes of 80 percent of Americans who want wild horses protected. The Teddy Roosevelt herd must be kept at a minimum of 150 horses to ensure a genetically viable herd. Reducing to less causes many complications to the herd dynamics and gene pool. In addition, SCR 4014 will help support ecotourism and business development in North Dakota by protecting the horses.

I promise you that if the horses are removed, I will not spend tourism dollars in the state. I live in Arizona where safe and humane methods of herd population is in effect and successful. Please look at this website for the Salt River wild horses of Arizona.

<https://saltriverwildhorsemanagementgroup.org/the-pzp-program-is-still-working/>

Sincerely,

Julie Nelson