

Dear Governor Burgum and North Dakota State Legislators,

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

I am in support of 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. These are North Dakota’s only wild horse herd, and they must be protected.

Not only will SCR 4014 help support ecotourism and business development in North Dakota by protecting the horses, it is also consistent with the wishes of 80 percent of Americans who want wild horses protected.

It is imperative that SCR 4014 be specific in clarifying that the Theodore Roosevelt wild horse herd must be kept at a minimum of 150 horses in order to ensure a genetically viable herd.

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

Thank you,
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