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To Senate Energy and Natural Resources Public Hearing

I am against the removal of the wild horses located in Theodore Roosevelt National Park. These horses are an historic herd, going back centuries.

These horses are the only wild horses roaming free in the state of North Dakota and should be protected as an historic resource with interest to the North Dakota people, as well as to visitors to the state.

Alternatives to the park's Environmental Assessment must be added with humane and science-based management of these horses in the Park.

Also, please redesignate the horses as wildlife and not as livestock that would be managed under livestock laws.

Thank you,

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