

I am testifying in support of SCR 4014.

As a child my grandmother took my family on a three week motorhome trip to see the "treasures of the west" - her favorite parks. One of our first stops was in North Dakota where we saw the Teddy Roosevelt horses. I had no idea there were "wild horses" and was enamored by them. Ever since I have made many trips with my own family to see these majestic animals with historical lineage. These horses are ND's only wild horse herd and must be preserved and protected for generations to come. SCR 4014 will help support business development and ecotourism in ND by protecting these wild horses. I am not alone in my support when approximately 80% of Americans want wild horses protected. I have spent thousands of dollars in ND over the years on my family's visits - if they are removed I will no longer have reasons to visit ND and spend my hard earned money in ND. I urge you to support and vote yes on SCR 4014 to support humanely managing this herd on the public lands they call home for future generations of Americans to witness and enjoy.