



Dear Committee Members,

I am writing today in strong support of SCR 4006. My name is Jamie Baldanza, and I am the Co-Founder of the nonprofit Wild Lands Wild Horses and the Director of the documentary on the Theodore Roosevelt National Park horses. Our documentary, in partnership with Click Content Studios, a division of Forum Communications in Fargo, has gathered over 17 interviews—including former park management, advocates, scientists, government officials, natives, historians, locals, and journalists—with more still to come.

Though I do not reside in North Dakota, these horses have drawn me to the state time and time again. I began documenting this herd in 2015—ten years ago—and in that time, I have come to understand just how deeply they are woven into the fabric of American history.

These horses are more than just animals; they are a living testament to what it means to be American—resilient, strong, and unwavering in the face of adversity. They have survived not just the harsh landscape, but also repeated political battles that have threatened their very existence. And yet, they are still here. That speaks volumes. The people want them here. North Dakota wants them here. And they belong here.

Now, we have an opportunity to secure their future. Federal protection is not just an option—it is a necessity to ensure that these horses do not become nothing more than a footnote in history. I urge you to stand with us in preserving this iconic herd for generations to come. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jamie Baldanza