

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a retired person with a love for animals and in particular wild horses found on the public lands and national parks of the United States. I give monthly monetary support to six different wild horse and burro sanctuaries in the United States. I have visited several Herd Management Areas managed by the Bureau of Land Management which were difficult to find and had few wild horses as the Bureau of Land Management continues to remove wild horses and burros from public lands, over 70,000 between 2020-2024. At this rate I am afraid no wild horses or burros will be left on public lands. It is now so important that the wild horses and other wild animals inhabiting the Theodore Roosevelt National park receive federal protection.

Many people feel this issue of preserving wildlife and wild horses/burros on public lands is important. Many people travel to visit places where they can see wild horses and burros roam relatively free. The wild horses of Theodore Roosevelt National Park are living symbols of America's history and a legacy of President Theodore Roosevelt. These horses benefit North Dakota's economy by attracting visitors and researchers from all over the country. I plan to visit Theodore Roosevelt National Park and view the horses and other animals in what looks like a beautiful, unique setting. I have purchased several photographs and calendars of the horses that live in Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

Wild horses have an important role in maintaining the park's ecosystem, keeping biodiversity and helping to maintain the land and surrounding wildlife such as bird life. The horses are an integral part of the park's landscape and realizing this fact by giving them federal protection will ensure their future for generations. These horses deserve humane, science-based management rather than mass removal or elimination.

I strongly support SCR 4006 which calls for federal protection of the Theodore Roosevelt National Park wild horse herd. These horses need to remain in the park for many generations. A national treasure that should be preserved.

Thank you for your consideration for this important bill.

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