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North Dakota Legislative Council

State Capitol

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

600 East Boulevard Avenue

Bismarck, ND 58505

RE: A concurrent resolution (SCR 4006) urging Congress to establish federal protections for the wild horse herd at Theodore Roosevelt National Park

I am writing as a concerned tax payer in support of SCR 4006. The wild horses of Theodore Roosevelt National Park are the only wild herd in North Dakota and it is critical that they be federally protected. I was alarmed when the National Park Service proposed a complete eradication of the horses despite how very popular they are with public. Over the past three years, the National Park Service has tried repeatedly to eliminate the wild horses through various means and methods. The Park's repeated and aggressive use of the birth control drug GonaCon demonstrates a reckless misuse of the drug, especially for such a small population of horses. In 2024, the Park Service conducted a roundup and placed obtrusive neck collars on the majority of mares, raising serious safety concerns from equine welfare advocates and the public. There needs to be federal oversight to ensure that these majestic wild horses remain in Theodore Roosevelt National Park for generations to come.

I strongly urge you to support concurrent resolution (SCR 4006) urging Congress to establish federal protections for the wild horse herd at Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'BC' with a long, sweeping underline.

Bonnie Cormier