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SCR4006 Testimony

Hello.

The wild horses of Theodore Roosevelt National Park (TRNP) symbolize the conservation legacy of Roosevelt as well as the untamed spirit of the American West. North Dakotans and people across the country want protection for these horses. Support is overwhelming. These horses are a major tourism draw, bringing visitors to Medora and surrounding areas. Their removal could negatively impact local businesses and jobs.

These horses are a living tribute to Teddy Roosevelt; protecting them honors his namesake and his contributions to preservation. Unlike other wild horse herds, these horses are not protected under the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act. While SCR 4006 cannot require federal protections, it will provide a strong showing to Congress that these wild horses are an integral part of this popular national park and important to North Dakotans and all Americans.

Thank you.

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