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Committee on Natural Resources United States Congress Washington, D.C.

Subject: Urging Support for SB 2331 and Federal Protection of TRNP Wild Horses

Dear Members of the Committee,

I urge you to protect the historic wild horse herd of Theodore Roosevelt National Park (TRNP) by supporting SB 2331 and passing federal legislation to ensure their long-term conservation. These horses embody Theodore Roosevelt's conservation legacy and are a vital part of North Dakota's landscape.

Currently, TRNP's wild horses lack federal protection and can be removed at any time. They are a major tourist draw, supporting local economies. Their removal would harm businesses and diminish North Dakota's cultural heritage. Public support for their protection is overwhelming, as reflected in SCR 4006.

SB 2331 proposes a state-led working group to develop a humane, science-based approach to managing the herd, modeled after Colorado's successful program. This initiative would ensure responsible, long-term conservation.

I urge you to support SB 2331 and push for federal protections to preserve these horses for future generations. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Sara Palmitessa