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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of SCR 4006 that would establish federal protection for the herd of horses that call Theodore Roosevelt National Park home. My husband and I have four kids, two of which are horse crazy girls. In 2016 we took a road trip from our home in Washington state all the way to Medora, solely for the purpose of seeing horses living wild and free. In fact, just months before, I never even knew Theodore Roosevelt National Park existed. It was a random hashtag search of #wildhorses on Instagram where I stumbled upon the beautiful horses of TRNP. At the time of our trip my kids were ages 10, 7, 5 and 3. There are wild horses living in Oregon, which would've been a much shorter road trip for our young crew. However, Theodore Roosevelt National Park is unique in that the horses can often be viewed from the park's loop road making it much more accessible for families with young children that otherwise wouldn't be able to hike for miles. We spent three days visiting the park and it was not nearly enough. On our first day driving through, my children were delighted when we rounded a corner and Teton's band was right off the side of the road. Not a single day of the trip went by without my kids being able to see the horses. We now own 4 horses of our own but there is nothing quite like seeing them living wild and free. Nearly ten years later and my girls still talk about that trip and we continue to follow the horses via North Dakota Badlands Horse on Instagram. The horses are what brought us all the way from Washington state, they are an integral part of the park and the economic well-being of Medora. Please grant them federal protection so that people of all ages and mobility levels can continue to enjoy their majesty.

Sincerely,
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