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To Whom it May Concern:

The wild horses living in the Theodore Roosevelt National Park are not just beautiful animals roaming free for everyone to admire; they represent Teddy Roosevelt's love for nature and the wild spirit of the American West. They remind us of how Roosevelt helped create public lands and save America's natural beauty. Protecting these horses isn't just about respecting the park's namesake; it's about keeping alive the ideals of conservation that Roosevelt fostered.

Additionally they are a boon to the local economy. People come from all over to see them, creating profits for local businesses and increasing jobs. Losing the horses would be bad news for Medora, ND, and nearby towns.

Sadly, the TRNP horses aren't protected by the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act like most wild horses in the U.S. This means they could be removed or disposed of at any time in the future. We need to ACT now to keep them safe.

LOTS of people want to protect these wild horses. It's not just a few activists; it's a lot of North Dakotans and folks across the country. SCR 4006 will encourage Congress to pass legislation to protect the TRNP wild horses.

SB 2331, which is similar to a successful plan in Colorado, suggests creating a North Dakota wild horse working group. This group would include state officials, wild horse supporters, horse experts, and others to come up with humane ways to protect the Theodore Roosevelt National Park wild horses. The goal is to make sure these iconic animals have a decent and hopeful future. Isn't that what we all want?