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To whom it may concern:

The wild horses of Theodore Roosevelt's conservation legacy are iconic and symbolize the untamed spirit of the American West. Protecting the horses of Theodore Roosevelt National Park honors and protects his contributions to public land preservation. Unlike other wild horse herds (who also need additional protection from removal), TRNP's horses are not covered under the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act.

In addition to North Dakotans, citizens across the United States want these wild horses to be protected from removal and harm. SCR 4006 will encourage the U.S. Congress to recognize and act on this broad support by passing federal legislation that ensures the TRNP wild horses are allowed to remain in the Park and be protected.

Modeled after Colorado's success, SB 2331 will create a North Dakota wild horse working group that would unite state officials, advocates, experts, and interested parties to ensure collaborative, humane, science-based conservation of the Theodore Roosevelt National Park wild horses, prevent removals, and provide long-term oversight.

For the sake of these horses and our nation's heritage, I strongly urge you to support this bill.

Sincerely,

Susan Rand (Vermont)