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Dear Legislature,

I urge you to support resolution SCR 4006 and safeguard the legacy of our wild horses, specifically those at Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

Not only are wild horses part of our history and a symbol of the American West, but they play a vital role in maintaining healthy ecosystems by regulating vegetation through their grazing habits, and help to prevent overgrowth which promotes plant diversity. By consuming dry grasses they reduce the risk of wildfires which is especially relevant now. Sadly, they are unfairly blamed for their ecological impact on public lands when livestock grazing has had a more far reaching negative impact.

When I was a child, I was delighted when the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act was passed. Please continue to protect our majestic wild horses.

Many thanks,
Karen L