

Distinguished legislators,

My name is Irene Davis and I am a passionate advocate for wild horses and burros, and I am deeply disheartened by the abuse and cruelty these magnificent creatures have endured. Sadly, they have become some of the most hunted fauna in our country and I believe their viability is at stake unless we act swiftly.

I urge you to vote in favor of bill SCR4006, which aims to protect the herd at Theodore Roosevelt National Park, ensuring their long-term health and preservation. Currently, these horses lack protection under the Wild and Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act, putting them at further risk.

Wild horses are emblematic of the pioneering spirit that shaped our nation, blazing the trail from east to west during its formation and settlement. They have served as our companions, alleviated the burdens of man's labor, provided a source of transportation, and were invaluable assets to early settlers.

Moreover, these magnificent horses are an integral part of our history and culture, drawing tourists from around the globe and generating significant revenue for North Dakota.

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony and for your commitment to the welfare of these treasured animals. Your support in voting for SCR4006 is crucial in protecting this vital and treasured herd.

I am grateful for your time and efforts.

Sincerely,

Irene Davis