

Re: SB 2331 Relating to the Theodore Roosevelt National Park working group

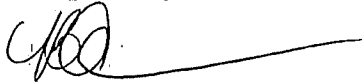
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I am asking that you vote in favor of Senate Bill 2331. This bill would establish an unbiased working group dedicated to protecting the wild horses of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. This working group would be comprised of stakeholders across the state of North Dakota that would collaborate with the National Park Service to ensure that the goals of preserving a viable herd are met, along with a possible management plan for the horses. It is critical to maintain a genetically diverse and healthy herd in order to ensure the long-term survival of the Theodore Roosevelt National Park horses.

I have many concerns about the actions the National Park Service has taken with the wild horses, including the overuse of GonaCon (birth control drug) and a recent roundup to attach obtrusive collars on mare's necks for two to three years. It is clear to me that the need for an unbiased working group is long overdue.

The wild horses of Theodore Roosevelt National Park are the only wild herd in North Dakota and it is critical that a working group be established to ensure that these majestic wild horses remain in Theodore Roosevelt National Park for generations to come. Please vote in favor of Senate Bill 2331.

Respectfully,

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