

SB 2331 PLEASE DO PASS

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My husband and I were ND residents for several years (2009-2019). After I moved to ND in 2015, I became a Theodore Roosevelt National Park volunteer so I could be a part of the amazing wild horse program. I adopted one of the horses in 2016 and have continued to follow this iconic historic herd for the last 5 years since our move to West Texas. I, now, am a board member for the non-profit organization, North Dakota Badlands Horse, and travel to ND several times a year to assist with documentation and promoting the horses. I am in support of the Bill 2331, however, I feel the words "and nonlethal" from paragraph 3 should be removed. When horses are near death due to injury or illness, I feel the word "nonlethal" would prevent the Park from relieving these horses of unnecessary suffering. These resilient horses heal and survive many tortuous circumstances, however, sometimes it becomes necessary to end their misery. This, I believe, is humane.

Please take into consideration the many supporters of this herd. NDBH has been supporting the horse program of Theodore Roosevelt National Park since 2009. I feel our organization has a lot of diverse information to offer the working group and would like to be considered as such.

Thank you for allowing my testimony and considering my previous and current involvement with this iconic historical herd.

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