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SB2331 Testimony

Hello.

North Dakotans and people across the country want the wild horses of Theodore Roosevelt National Park (TRNP) protected. The support for them is overwhelming. These horses are a major tourism draw, bringing visitors to Medora and surrounding areas. Their removal could negatively impact local businesses and jobs.

A North Dakota Wild Horse Working Group will promote humane wild horse conservation and 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. This type of working group has been successful in Colorado for state participation in wild horse protection. A group in North Dakota would ensure the wild horses remain a treasured part of North Dakota's landscape.

Thank you.

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