

Good afternoon,

I'm writing to voice my support for SB2331, which would establish a North Dakota Wild Horse Working Group to oversee the care and management of the wild horses in the Theodore Roosevelt National Park. These horses are the living embodiment of what he hoped to achieve not only for the park itself, but for the wildlife that lives in it.

These horses currently have no federal protection, which is desperately needed to ensure their continued survival. They are an iconic part of this park and an important national symbol. Most Americans are in favor of preserving our wild horses, and I am one of them!

They also bring in valuable tourist dollars and other income to the surrounding communities.

If they are placed under the care of the proposed North Dakota Wild Horse Working Group, this would be the optimum solution for these animals. This group that would 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.

Thank you for your time and attention!

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