

I am in favor of a North Dakota Wild Horse Working Group. A North Dakota Wild Horse Working Group will promote humane wild horse conservation. Why is this important?

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Modeled after Colorado's success, SB 2331 will create a North Dakota wild horse working 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.

Why are these wild horses important?

- **These Horses Are a Living Tribute to Theodore Roosevelt**

They symbolize Roosevelt's conservation legacy and the untamed spirit of the American West. Protecting them honors the park's namesake and his contributions to public land preservation.

- **They Have No Federal Protection**

Unlike other wild horse herds, TRNP's horses are not covered under the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act. Without protection, they can be removed at any time.

- **Wild Horses Boost North Dakota's Economy**

These horses are a major tourism draw, bringing visitors to Medora and surrounding areas. Their removal could negatively impact local businesses and jobs.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Ashley Deasy