

TO: Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

Regarding: Senate Bill No. 2331

Dear Legislative Assembly of North Dakota,

I support SB-2331 in its entirety. Thank you, Senators Boschee, Rummel, Kessel, and Representative Lefor and Steiner for introducing this bill.

People from around the world come to see this herd in TRNP. Horses are part of this park's diversity in cultural and natural resources. A One-of-A-Kind National Park.

It is important for the Non-profit Advocates/Organizations be represented and to be a part of the Working Group of the Theodore Roosevelt National Park to protect the horses in TRNP.

Section 1.2.A: Managing the population of the horses in TRNP to remain above two hundred horses is important to ensure the genetic viability of the herd, to prevent in-breeding and to maintain a healthy herd.

Section 1.3: The Non-profit Advocates/Organizations would like to work in a partnership with park staff, be part of the management activities of birth control, humane and nonlethal care.

We are asking you to include the Non-profit Advocate/Organization to provide safekeeping and protection for the horses who add beauty to the Badlands as iconic keystone animals, and to the cultural heritage of this national park. I have visited TRNP and would like to see the wild horses preserved for future generations.

Sincerely,

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