

Chair and Committee members, my name is Lori Williams and I volunteer with Chasing Horses Wild Horse Advocates. I am asking you today to vote in favor of Senate Bill 2331. This bill is so important and would create a working group that would then work together with Theodore Roosevelt National Park to help manage the wild horses. The resolution before you is asking our federal legislators to help get federal protection for this herd since they are not protected under the Wild and Free Roaming Horse and Burro Act. These horses are in dire need of federal protection.

The horses of TRNP are a treasure that need to be protected. These wild horses are so much a part of TRNP and have been there for generations and need to be there for generations to come. I myself have a planned vacation there all because of the wild horses. This is something we as a family have planned and are looking forward to spending time watching these beautiful beings in their natural habitat.

It would be beneficial for the State to be involved to help provide oversight with Wild Horse Management.

These horses desperately need federal protection. They are not protected under the Wild and Free Roaming Horse and Burro Act so federal protection is a necessity.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this Senate Bill. I ask you to please vote in favor of Bill 2331. We truly appreciate your help in protecting these wild horses.

Lori Williams