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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing today in support of SCR 4006. The wild horses of Theodore Roosevelt National Park (TRNP) are not protected by the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act, so they deserve this protection to ensure their future and livelihood. At the same time, these horses are beloved by locals and visitors alike. They are a draw for tourists to the park and the surrounding areas and are worthy of protection for their contribution to the area. As such, there is overwhelming support for their protection, so it makes sense to pass this legislation.

In conjunction, it is important also to pass SB 2331 so there is a North Dakota Wild Horse Working Group to promote humane wild horse conservation in TRNP. With this in place, this should be a positive experience for both the wild horses and the people who live and visit the area.

Sincerely, Marybeth Diss