

Dear North Dakota Legislature:

Thank you for taking the time to consider my testimony in support of the wild horses in Theodore Roosevelt National Park. I am a lifelong “horsewoman” and have a deep fondness for and appreciation of equines. Below please find the rationale for my support of this important piece of legislation:

- **These Horses Are a Living Tribute to Theodore Roosevelt:** They symbolize former President 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. We must not let this happen.
- **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.
- **Public Support Is Overwhelming:** North Dakotans and people across the country – such as myself – want these horses protected.
- **A North Dakota Wild Horse Working Group** will promote humane wild horse conservation.

Most sincerely,

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