I've been to Medora many times just to see the beautiful, majestic wild horses that live, roam and run free in Theodore Roosevelt National Park!

They are the most magnificent creatures I have ever seen!

Spent many tourist dollars in adorable Medora. Stayed at the Rough Riders Hotel, went to the Medora Musical. Ate in the restaurants, shopped, purchased gas, had drinks at the Saloon.

I cannot believe this proposal to remove these horses is a reality! This would be beyond tragic if they removed the horses, for livestock?!? It makes ZERO sense by any stretch of the imagination!

Do you realize how many tourist dollars you will lose if this passes?

Who wants to go to a national park to see cows?

The horses and the handsome bison live beautifully together! The elk, coyote and pronghorn are amazing to see!

This would be a major mistake and once it's done it can NEVER be undone!!!

This action would be a disgrace to this country.

Read below some important points:

- 1. Wild horses are integral to the scenery, native wildlife, and wilderness qualities of the Park the landscape that inspired President Theordore Roosevelt and still inspires visitors today.
- 2. The horses in the Park are descendants of the original Badland horses with historical lineages that trace all the way back to the horses surrendered by Sitting Bull in the late 1800s.
- 3. The Teddy Roosevelt horses are North Dakota's only wild horse herd and should be protected as such.
- 4. The Teddy Roosevelt herd must be kept at at a minimum of 150 horses in order to ensure a genetically viable herd.
- 5. SCR 4014 will help support ecotourism and business development in North Dakota by protecting the horses.
- 6. SCR 4014 is consistent with the wishes of 80 percent of Americans who want wild horses protected.
- 7. If the horses are removed, I will not spend tourism dollars in the state.
- 8. Vote YES on SCR 4014 to support humane, scientifically recommended methods of managing these wild horses on the public lands they call home.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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