

Testimony on Theodore Roosevelt National Park (2025)

Regarding: SCR 4006

Dear Chair and Committee members,

My name is Renee Villari and although I have not had the privilege of visiting Theodore Roosevelt National Park (TRNP), I've been following the fight to save the wild horses at the park as these majestic horses instantly remind me of our American Heritage and the symbol of freedom. I personally ask that you vote in favor of SCR 4006.

After learning these horses are not protected under The Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act¹ of 1971, I feel it is our duty to maintain the survival and freedom of these horses that have lived on TRNP all their lives, and to the continuation of a viable herd without the threat of removal.

Again, I sincerely ask that you vote in favor of this resolution. Search your heart and stand with those of us who believe the presence of this wildlife matters.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Renee Villari

Dated this 3rd day of February, 2025

¹ The Wild and Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971 (Public Law 92-195)

§1331. Congressional findings and declaration of policy

Congress finds and declares that wild free-roaming horses and burros are living symbols of the historic and pioneer spirit of the West; that they contribute to the diversity of life forms within the Nation and enrich the lives of the American people; and that these horses and burros are fast disappearing from the American scene. It is the policy of Congress that wild free-roaming horses and burros shall be protected from capture, branding, harassment, or death; and to accomplish this they are to be considered in the area where presently found, as an integral part of the natural system of the public lands.