



March 10, 2005

GOOD NEWS - Senator Robert Byrd (D-WV) introduced S. 576 in the US Senate to restore language preventing the commercial sale and slaughter of wild horses. This is the companion bill to H.R. 297 by Rahall D-WV and Whitfield-R-KY. We need you all writing and calling to get your two US senators to cosponsors as well as getting your House Rep on board. When enacted, this legislation will restore over 33 years of protections sneakily and inappropriately wrongly removed during the last Congress.

January 25, 2005

Good News! Legislation has been introduced (1/25/05) to reverse the Burns Amendment to the Wild Free-Roaming Horse and Burro Act. As you know, the Burns Amendment opens the door to the slaughter of thousands of our wild horses. Please write your U.S. Representative urging them to co-sponsor H.R. 297, introduced by Reps. Nick J. Rahall (D-WV) and Ed Whitfield (R-KY), which would restore the prohibition on the commercial sale and slaughter of wild horses and burros.

Letters should be addressed to: The Honorable [Name Here], U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515. Be sure to identify your Representative by going to www.house.gov or www.senate.gov. Please note that letters sent via physical mail make a stronger statement than emails, which are too easily dismissed. It is also more effective to personalize your letter with your own words.

A letter template is provided for your convenience.

Dear Honorable _____:

I am writing to urge you to co-sponsor H.R. 297 introduced by Representatives Nick J. Rahall (D-WV) and Ed Whitfield (R-KY). This Bill reverses the amendment to the 1971 Wild Free-Roaming Horse & Burro Act stealthily introduced by Senator Conrad Burns as a rider to the 2005 Appropriations Bill. If allowed to stand, the Burns provision will lead to the slaughter of thousands of wild horses for human consumption abroad.

Our wild horses are a vital part of our national heritage. The law that was enacted for their protection thirty years ago was the result of a greater public outcry than over any issue except the Vietnam War, and was passed without a single dissenting vote. I am extremely distressed over the fact that this law enacted by the people for the people was eviscerated without so much as a hearing or opportunity for public review.

I respectfully request a prompt response from you stating your position with regard to H.R. 297 which would restore the prohibition on the commercial sale and slaughter of wild horses and burros .

Signature

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