



Support Letters

Please write your U.S. representative and two U.S. senators to protest the recent amendment to the 1971 Wild Free-Roaming Horse and Burro Act introduced by Senator Burns as a rider to the 2005 Appropriations Bill, and to request a Congressional investigation into the government's wild horse management practices. Specifically:

Inform them that the Burns Amendment to the 1971 Act will lead to the slaughter of this beloved part of our national heritage to supply horsemeat for human consumption abroad.

Denounce the subversion of the democratic process that allowed a law enacted with major popular support to be eviscerated without so much as a hearing or opportunity for public review.

Tell them that your tax-dollars would be better spent on an in-the-wild management program not based on removal.

Denounce the undue influence of private cattle interests on public land management.

Urge a call for a moratorium on round-ups until actual numbers of wild horses on public lands have been independently assessed.

Make sure to include your full name and address and to ask for a response on how your representative intends to address your concerns. Be firm but courteous.

Letters to Senators should be addressed to:

The Honorable [Name Here],
U.S. Senate,
Washington, DC 20510

Letters to House of Representatives should be addressed to:

The Honorable [Name Here],
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Visit: www.house.gov and www.senate.gov

to identify your representative and senators in D.C.

Your letters matter: in assessing public opinion, Congress counts each letter received as the opinion of ten people. Please note that letters sent by physical mail make a stronger statement than emails, which are too easily dismissed. Click here for examples of eloquent support letters <http://www.wildhorsepreservation.com/resources/support.htm>.

It is also important that we keep the pressure on Senator Conrad Burns (MT), who introduced the wild horse slaughter amendment, and Senator Harry Reid (NV), a primary supporter of the Burns Amendment. They need to hear from their constituents as well as from concerned citizens from all states protesting this underhanded bit of legislation.

Do not hesitate to also let Bureau of Land Management officials know how you feel about their removal policy and the sale of wild horses at livestock auctions. Request a moratorium on these sales and implementation of an in-the-wild management program.

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Do not let form responses from government officials shake your confidence. This is why public education is key. The fact is that solutions need to be implemented to secure a place for our wild herds in the American landscape. A Congressional investigation into this issue is long overdue.

Alert #1

The Horse Slaughter Prevention Act
www.AHDF.org/resources.htm

Alert #2

American Wild Horse Preservation Campaign
www.AHDF.org/wildhorses.htm

Tips for writing letters

www.AHDF.org/tips.htm