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Leg. Animals

[REDACTED]
El Dorado, Kansas 67042

Dear [REDACTED]

This will acknowledge and thank you for your recent letter concerning legislation to protect the wild mustang.

I certainly understand and share your concern over the possible extinction of these animals and agree we must take action to prevent this from occurring. A bill was introduced in 1969 to protect the Spanish Barb and Andalusian wild mustangs; however, no action was taken on this legislation.

Congressman Gude, of Maryland, has introduced legislation which authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to protect, manage and control free-roaming horses and burros on public lands. Hearings have been concluded on this bill, H. R. 5375, and it will probably be considered on the House Floor very soon.

Similar legislation, S. 1116, has been introduced in the Senate. Senator Hatfield is a co-sponsor of the bill. The Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee has also concluded hearings on the proposal and should report out the bill shortly for consideration on the Senate Floor. Needless to say, you may be assured this bill will receive my most careful attention, and that your views will be kept in mind during these proceedings.

Thank you again for writing, and do let me know whenever I may be of assistance in any way.

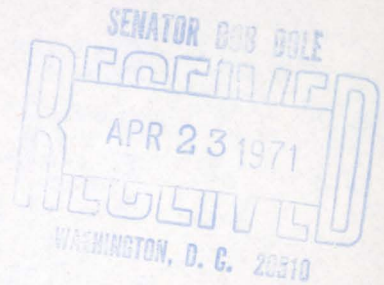
Sincerely yours,

BOB DOLE
U. S. Senate

BD/jbh



S. Jackson
11/56



Sir:

I understand the Senate will be considering a bill sponsored by Senator Hatfield which would provide Federal protection for America's wild horses, the Mustangs.

The Mustang has served America well over the years. Mounted on these tough little horses, Texas cowboys trailed thousands and thousands of Texas cattle north along the Chisholm, Shawnee and Western Trails to the rail-heads here in Kansas. The Mustangs contributed their blood to the All-American little horse, the Quarter Horse.

I think it is important to save the remnant of the wild horse herds for our children. There is only one true wild horse left in the world. This is the Przewalski horse of the Gobi desert in Asia. There are specimens of this horse in zoos in Chicago, New York and Washington, D.C., but as far as I know no zoo in the United States has a Mustang. I believe that the Mustang is more important to Americans than the Przewalski horse and thus feel some effort should be made to preserve them, preferably in their wild state.

Please consider this letter when the time comes for you to express your opinion and vote. The horse is experiencing a sort of revival and

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The number of horses has been increasing yearly. I wish the Mustangs enjoy a share of their domesticated relatives' popularity.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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