

May 7, 2009



Dear Senator Basnight,

I am writing this letter to you because I heard about the Colonial Spanish Mustang breed. I am also writing to you about why the Colonial Spanish Mustang breed should be our state horse because other states in our country have state horses. So this is a little about the Colonial Spanish Mustangs.

I've learned about that they started living there in the 1600's. About 37 horses got murdered by cars. This Spanish breed came to the Outer Banks from a Spanish ship that crashed in a big storm before there were any lighthouses. The Native Americans were the first ones to find the Spanish breed.

I presume that the Colonial Spanish Mustangs should be defended. Here are some reasons why, the Colonial Spanish Mustangs learned how to survive on Currituck beach with their senses. For example, they used their sense of smell to find sea grass. We don't murder other horses so why should we murder them? We should defend them because these precious animals are losing their homes because people are building houses. They were here a great amount of time before people were on the Outer Banks.

I really wish for you to select the Colonial Spanish Mustangs as North Carolina's state horse because they have been through a lot.

Sincerely,

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May 4, 2009



Dear Senator Marc Basnight,

A long time ago people from Spain tried to get to North America. The boats from Spain wrecked. Some Colonial Spanish Mustangs swam to shore. Some of the Colonial Spanish Mustang sank with the ships. The ships came in the 1500's. The Colonial Spanish Mustangs came on the critical breed list. That means they are almost extinct.

Currituck County Schools want the Colonial Spanish Mustangs to be safe. The only two places that the Colonial Spanish Mustangs live in is Corolla and Shackleford. Shackleford has 220 horses. Corolla has 100 horses. I think North Carolina should have a state horse because some of the states have a state horse. We have a state rock, car, boat, flower, stone and a state bird why can't we have a state horse? We think the Colonial Spanish Mustang should be North Carolina's state horse.

Your Friend,

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May 5, 2009



Dear Senator Basnight,

I think the state of North Carolina should have a state horse. I believe it should be the Colonial Spanish Mustangs. The Mustangs have been here longer than us. These animals roam wild on Corolla beach. More and more of the Colonial Spanish Mustangs disappear each year. I think that if we make them our state horse that would help them stay around for people to enjoy for many more years. Please make the Colonial Spanish Mustang our state horse. It would make kids like me happy.

Thank you,

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