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Testimony of Janine Hansen, State Chairman Independent American Party Supporting SJR3

I have been involved in the wild horse and burro issues seemingly all my life. My brother, Dan Hansen, who was the founder of the Independent American Party worked on these issues in the 1970's.

Please support SJR3 urging Congress to provide money to reduce the wild horse and burro populations to appropriate management levels. Wild horse and burro populations are 300% above the levels where they should be with 50,000 of them on the land. This harms the habitat for wildlife, livestock, vegetation, and harms wild horses and burros themselves.

It harms our ranchers, an important industry, whose grazing rights are limited because of the extreme overpopulation of wild horses. It harms our limited water resources.

My friend and rancher, Cliff Gardner from Ruby Valley in Elko County, sent me this statement: "Ranchers in South East Elko Co. attest to the fact that even though no sheep or cattle have been grazed in certain areas for more than 20 years now, Wild Horses have so ravaged the range - White Sage flats have now been lost - Shadscale no longer exists - while black sage is grazed down to the mere nubbins."

SJR3 is a very reasonable request. Nevadans, our wildlife and livestock should not be harmed because the Feds won't do their job. Even the wild horses and burros are suffering because the Feds won't do their job to manage them appropriately according to the law.

Support SJR3. Thank you.

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