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Comments: To whom it may concern,

My name is Ximena Echeverria, a former school administrator, wildlife photographer, artist and writer. I'm writing this letter as I'm concerned and deeply disturbed by the news that the Heber Wild Horses will be rounded up. The Wild Horses in the Heber area are iconic to the area. There are people throughout the United States that travel to see these majestic creatures that are representative of the west and also the human spirit. The essence of freedom is what every being craves. As a former educator, I urge and implore that you look for alternative solutions to ensuring their survival. It is important for ourselves but also for future generations that we teach. I want children to see that we, adults, have looked for alternatives to problems and that the answer is not always to "get rid off" because as we know from history, this has not always served us well.

The implementation of contraceptives for the mares has been proven to be effective and over time will reduce the number by allowing Mother Nature to take its course. I'm open to be a conduit to establishing any system that will allow horses, cattle to love amongst each other without any repercussions to the horses.

I thank you in advance.

Warmest regards,

Ximena Echeverria