

## **Rob Lowe Joins Saving America's Mustangs Board**

We are over the moon to announce actor Rob Lowe has joined our Advisory Board for Saving America's Mustangs and Mustang Monument. Rob is an acclaimed actor in movies such as The Outsiders and St. Elmo's Fire but then transitioned to award winning television shows such as The West Wing, Parks and Recreation and The Grinder. Welcome Rob Lowe!

**Recent Changes to the Appropriations Bill is a Worry for Wild Mustangs & Burros**

A recent change to the 2017 Appropriations Bill has put our beloved Wild Horses and Burros in more danger. The bill revision included an addition which robs wild horses and burros in holding facilities of their protected status under the Wild Horse and Burro Act. Further, these animals could be transferred to Federal, State, or local agencies which would then only require “the recommendation of a licensed veterinarian, in cases of severe injury, illness, or advanced age” to dispose of the animal.

This cloak-and-dagger tactic of sneaking this verbiage into the Appropriations Bill is creating a loop hole in legislation which several hundred if not thousands of mustangs will fall prey. It is certainly putting slaughter back on the table as the option for these animals, and that just will not do.

Further, the notion of transferring these animals from the Bureau of Land Management over to Federal, State or local government agencies is also taking steps backward. Once we start removing protections for these animals, it will be harder to regain ground for not only conservation, but also to stop the round ups and incarceration of these innocent creatures.

Now is the time for government to see the value in using private business as a solution to this ongoing issue. Private Businesses like Mustang Monument would not only provide a solution, but transparency and monetary savings as well. Further private businesses have the motivation to get things done rather than to getting stuck in the same ol' mud hole. Let's fix this problem. It is not that hard, it just takes communication.

Please contact the following people to voice your concerns for these majestic animals:

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