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To: Congressman Jimmy Panetta
701 Ocean St. Room 318C
Santa Cruz, Ca. 95060

Dear Congressman Panetta,

The Sierra Club appreciates the time you spent with us at the meeting on 1/12/19. One of the topics we discussed was Bird-Safe Design (BSD) Standards, which addresses the deaths of the hundreds of millions birds in the U.S. due to glass collision. We also pointed out that the bird population is in steep decline due to building development and habitat loss.

You mentioned that you would like to receive updates on any further BSD Standards development. We are pleased to let you know that the BSD Standards are currently being taken up on the Federal level.

The bipartisan Bill, H.R. 919-116th Congress: Bird-Safe Buildings Act of 2019, was introduced by Congressmen Mike Quigley (D-IL) and Morgan Griffith (R-VA). We urge to join the other 28 co-sponsors of this Bill.

Your co-sponsorship for H.R. 919-116th Congress: Bird-Safe Buildings Act of 2019 will greatly benefit your district, which is located in the Pacific Migratory Flyway and includes vital Ocean, Rivers and Wetlands habitats for local and migratory bird species.

The National Audubon Society and the American Bird Conservancy have come out in support of this Bill for these reasons: This cost-neutral legislation will work effectively hand in hand with state efforts around the country to decrease preventable threats to birds, including "lights-out" programs in our cities during spring and fall migration to help birds safely navigate our night skies, and guidelines that promote bird-safe construction in the private sector.

We are looking forward to your co-sponsorship for this Bill:

H.R. 919-116th Congress: Bird-Safe Buildings Act of 2019.

Sincerely,
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Conservation Committee Chair
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