

I respectfully urge FCC officials to take action to protect migratory birds, including:

- beginning a systematic review of communication tower and bird mortality issues;
- instituting a research program, funded by the communications industry, to identify tower placement, design and lighting conditions that result in bird mortality;
- undertaking environmental reviews of all existing towers to assess their placement and design with regard to migratory bird impacts;
- requiring that all proposed towers be subjected to rigorous environmental reviews;
- and implementing immediate protections based on existing knowledge, such as the voluntary tower siting and placement guidelines developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.