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Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
C/o Marlene H. Dortch
RE: WT Docket Nos. 08-61 and 03-187; DA 11-558
445 12th St., SW., Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Subject: Docket Nos. 08-61 and 03-187; DA 11558

Dear Ms Dortch:

Hello, my name is Christine Baker. I am writing today to urge the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to conduct a full Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the Antenna Structure Registration program. Although I am pleased that the FCC is addressing preventable bird deaths through the proposed rules, I urge the commission to revisit its environmental impact analysis. The current analysis claims the agency's tower program has no significant impacts on migratory birds on a national basis. However, according to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, an estimated 5 million birds are killed from collisions with communications towers and related structures across the United States. Research has demonstrated that for some of these species collisions with towers are having an effect on populations of birds. The revised analysis should focus on impacts to Birds of Conservation Concern and specific species include the full range of impacts affecting birds including habitat loss, fragmentation and climate change and consider alternatives to minimize and mitigate impacts to birds. I urge you to reconsider the impact of communications structures on migratory birds and adopt rules that reduce bird deaths from antennas and structures regulated by the FCC.

Thank you for your time, I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,



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