



## Santa Cruz Bird Club

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

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Dear Congressman Panetta,

The Santa Cruz Bird Club (SCBC) is a long-standing community-based organization which was established in 1956 with a mission to unite those who have a common interest in wild birds, that they may better study and conserve them. Today the club has approx. 500 members and the club has provided expert advice on issues affecting birds in the Santa Cruz County to many public and governmental institutions.

The SCBC is greatly concerned about the recent studies, which estimate that 300 million to 1 billion North American birds die each year as a result of collisions with glass windows and structures, adding to the steep decline of the North America bird population.

The high rate of birds' glass & structure collisions are avoided when the Bird-safe Design Standards are applied. These standards are also known to reduce energy output cost.

The SCBC is encouraged that the Bird-safe Design Standards are currently addressed on the Federal level:

**House bill, H.R. 919, 'Bird-Safe Buildings Act'** requires public buildings to incorporate bird-friendly building design and materials, thus reducing bird collisions with glass, which claim up to 1 billion bird lives a year. The bill was introduced by Representative Quigley (IL) last Wednesday, and it currently has 19 co-sponsors <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/919/all-info?r=27>.

The Santa Cruz Bird Club strongly encourages you to support this bill by joining on as a co-sponsor.

A companion Senate bill will soon be introduced by Senator Booker (NJ).

Sincerely,

Lisa Sheridan,  
President of the Santa Cruz Bird Club