

Dark Skies Protection Act

Email and Call Scripts

Call Script

Hello, my name is [FIRST AND LAST NAME] and I am a constituent of the Senator / Assemblymember. I live in [MUNICIPALITY], zip code [XXXXX], and I'm calling to share my support for the Dark Skies Protection Act (S.5007 Hoylman-Sigal / A.4615 Glick), which would regulate outdoor lighting to protect birds and wildlife, conserve energy, and reduce carbon emissions.

I believe it's important to pass the Dark Skies Protection Act because:

CHOOSE ONE OR TWO BENEFITS TO SHARE:

- Each year, between 365 million and one billion birds collide with buildings in the U.S., and light pollution is a major factor. About 80% of migratory birds travel at night, and artificial light can disorient them, leading to fatal collisions.
- Reducing light pollution has broad benefits: it helps wildlife, saves energy, cuts carbon emissions, supports nighttime safety, and even boosts dark-sky tourism.
- The International Dark Sky Association estimates that 30% of outdoor lighting is wasted, costing \$3.3 billion and emitting 21 million tons of CO₂ annually.
- A local example of light pollution and its consequences, or a local example of how light pollution has been eliminated or minimized.

I'm asking the Senator/Assemblymember to support and cosponsor the Dark Skies Protection Act (S.583 / A.8644-A) this session to protect birds, conserve energy, and preserve New York's night skies.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to me and for considering this request.

Email Script

Subject: Support the Dark Skies Protection Act (S.5007 Hoylman-Sigal / A.4615 Glick)

Dear Senator/Assemblymember [LAST NAME],

I'm writing to urge you to support and cosponsor the Dark Skies Protection Act (S.5007 Hoylman-Sigal / A.4615 Glick), which would regulate outdoor lighting to protect birds and wildlife, conserve energy, and reduce carbon emissions.

Light pollution is more than a nuisance — it has serious environmental consequences. In North America, 70% of bird species migrate, and 80% migrate at night. Artificial lighting and skyglow can disorient these birds, causing collisions with buildings and other structures. Scientists estimate 365 million to one billion birds die in collisions each year, making it the second leading cause of bird mortality in the U.S.

By requiring outdoor lighting fixtures to be fully shielded or shut off overnight, this bill will help protect migratory birds while also saving energy, improving nighttime visibility, supporting public safety, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The International Dark Sky Association estimates that 30% of outdoor lighting is wasted, costing \$3.3 billion and emitting 21 million tons of CO₂ annually.

I hope you will support this important legislation to protect New York's wildlife, reduce waste, and preserve our natural night skies for future generations.

Thank you for your leadership and for considering this request.

Sincerely,

[Name]

[Municipality]

[Organization, if applicable]

[Zip Code]