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**Mountain True Priorities for the 2016 NC General Assembly**

*MountainTrue’s Legislative Agenda is guided by the understanding that in North Carolina – and particularly in the mountains – clean water, clean air and livable communities are essential components of a strong economy. Our goal is to help sustain these resources not only for those of us who live here now, but also for the generations of North Carolinians who will come after us.*

*To reach this goal we support:*

* A responsible renewable energy policy that protects our air, water and land while sparking sustainable economic growth.
* Protecting and expanding funding for open space conservation to keep our waters clean, preserve the beauty of WNC and maintain our economic vitality.
* Expanding funding and outreach to help private property owners manage their property in ways that protect soil and water quality for downstream neighbors.
* Efficient and effective methods for cleaning up the state’s coal ash, supported by transparency, accountability and public input.
* Maintaining the authority of local communities to develop and implement solutions to local challenges, including transportation, planning and development.
* A nonpartisan redistricting process to ensure that the political process at all levels of government is equally accessible and fair to everyone, regardless of their background, political affiliation or income.

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