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## DESTROYING APPALACHIA FOR DIRTY ENERGY

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## TRUE COST OF CHEAP COAL

Mountaintop removal is done by clear-cutting forests, blowing the tops off of mountains, and then dumping the debris into nearby stream beds--all to get at a very small amount of coal. In the process, mountaintop removal poisons essential drinking water supplies and pollutes the air with coal and rock dust. This coal mining practice, which provides a mere seven percent of the nation's coal, is an undeniably catastrophic reality for the people of Appalachia, and unnecessary for our energy needs.

## IT'S TIME TO MAKE MOUNTAINTOP REMOVAL HISTORY

As the administration begins to set the country on a path to a clean energy future, we have an unprecedented opportunity to abolish this horrible and unnecessary practice once and for all. Reform and regulation of the worst strip mining on Earth is not an acceptable solution when it comes to destroying mountains and poisoning drinking water for climate-killing coal. It's time for the administration to make mountaintop removal history--they can and they must.

## YOU CAN HELP STOP THIS TRAGEDY

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