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ENVIRONMENT

Conserving public lands. Tennessee is blessed with one of the most scenic and best managed state park systems in America, and has extensive holdings of environmentally sensitive lands. As governor, Mike is firmly committed to protecting our parks and preserving Tennessee's public lands for future generations.

Mike supports ongoing efforts to protect funding intended for securing parks and wetlands across the state, and recently supported a proposed ban on "mountaintop removal" for coal mining.

Improving air and water quality. Along with the federal government, the state plays a key role in enforcing regulations dealing with air and water quality. Mike will pursue regulatory and stewardship policies that will protect our health and natural resources without stifling economic growth.

Promoting clean energy. Tennessee is a national leader in clean energy technology, including the development of new energy efficiency and conservation initiatives and renewable energy sources such as solar. As governor, Mike will make clean energy a top economic and environmental priority.