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Charlotte, NC- Communities across North Carolina are still recovering weeks after damages from Hurricane Florence. Crucial concerns have been raised regarding climate change and the systems in place to determine threat levels of weather. Methods to improve regulations to protect families in the aftermath of environmental changes cannot continue to be ignored. In 2012, Republicans voted to block scientific data about rising sea levels from coastal development plans.

Environmental dangers are the top priority for officials in assessing safety conditions. Residents that return to their homes are urged to wear long pants and protective gear in the aftermath of a coal ash pond breach in New Hanover County. 2,000 cubic yards of coal ash spilled out of the Sutton Plant. Additionally, seven wastewater treatment plants are now "non-operational" according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Due to potential exposure to waste officials warn that this could result in a public health issue. The protection of residents, businesses, and the environment should be the primary factor in any legislation within the state. The General Assembly needs a comprehensive review and update of storm water and dam-safety rules. In order to set regulations that address safety throughout North Carolina.

"It is critical that we account scientific data to help navigate rebuilding efforts as we work with communities to rebuild. Recovery efforts for Hurricane Florence need to include proactive steps to protecting at-risk communities from enduring more loss and devastation." said Senator Joyce Waddell

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