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Mayor Bill Peduto

414 Grant Street, 5th floor
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear Mayor Peduto,

My name is Areva Clark, and I am a 7th grade student at Urban Pathways Charter School, a 6-12 school in Downtown Pittsburgh.

I am writing to you because me and my other classmates and also my teacher have been reading and discussing Pittsburgh's air pollution. Through the reading I realized how it caught my attention, and people are worried about the future of our city. Did you know that Pittsburgh has made improvements from the industrial days past, but there is still a long way to go before the air is truly clean and safe for all Pittsburghers? To me this is concerning. Also concerning is the fact that they measured the particle pollution and also asthma rates for the Pittsburgh region, and especially children exceed the national average. Air pollution plays a big role in it. Compared to the national average, Pittsburgh is way below air standards. I understand that they are trying to keep this city safe, but at some point they will understand that they are hurting people. It is important to making sure we don't have such bad pollution in the city. As a student, it is hard for me to see people hurt in this world and seeing this world in the effectiveness at risk, especially so the people can avoid the bad pollution. It is time to consider better than bringing in bad pollution they can start making the air so that the people can breathe a lot more in the world.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Areva Clark

7th Grade Student