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Mayor Bill Peduto

414 Grant Street, 5th floor
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear Mayor Peduto,

Hello! My name is Ta'SheraD Allen, and I attend Urban Pathways Charter School 6-12 as a middle school 7th grader, which is located in Downtown Pittsburgh.

Speaking of Pittsburgh, I'm here to talk and explain about how the air pollution here is horrid and needs a change. I've lived here for almost 13 years and have noticed a big change over the years that could bother and hurt our people. Something to explain better is the fact that already our region is ranked the "8th worst country for year round measures on fine particle pollution," not to mention the "14th worst for short-term particle pollution." I think that's very important because for one, it is a fact that should be dealt with on serious terms. Something else I find very important is "Pittsburgh also ranked 26th worst in the nation for smog from ground level ozone" and "Asthma rates for the Pittsburgh region, plays a big role in that." Meaning that our air can cause diseases and medical disorders because it isn't safe nor clean. Overall, if this isn't fixed, in the next few years people are going to be diagnosed with more things and have problems with the air, oxygen even.

I hope you take a look into it and at least look into the problem. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ta'SheraD Allen

7th Grade Student