Allegheny County is a great place to live—but air pollution is threatening residents' health.

Sadly, our region has some of the worst air in the country. Allegheny County is in the worst 2% of the U.S. for cancer risk from air pollution and kids in some area schools suffer from asthma more than twice as often as state and national averages.

Much of the problem comes from just a small handful of industrial polluters—the #ToxicTen, including the Cheswick Power Plant and Clairton Coke Works. These ten facilities alone release nearly one million pounds of air pollution per year.

For too long, industrial polluters like the #ToxicTen have pumped out dangerous levels of toxic chemicals, violated our cornerstone clean air safeguards and laws, and fought attempts by regulators and elected officials to hold them accountable for their pollution. Pittsburghers deserve better.

We know we can fix this problem by setting strict, health-based emissions limits on polluters; making sure they face meaningful penalties if and when they break the law; and ensuring our region has strong clean air champions who fight for residents.

We, the undersigned local elected officials from across Allegheny County, are committing to make Allegheny County a great place to live and breathe.

Pittsburgh is a beautiful place to live, work, and raise a family—but not if the air will make us sick.

Signed,

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Jay Costa, SD 43

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