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## Community and Environmental Justice Groups and Advocates Rally Ahead of U.S. Steel Stockholder Vote on Grant Street, Request a Voice at the Table

Pittsburgh, Pa. – A gathering of community and environmental justice groups and advocates will gather in front of the UPMC/ Steel building on Grant Street on April 12 during the [U.S. Steel Special Meeting of Stockholders](#) to request a People's Vote for a healthier future in the Mon Valley.

**The Rally Will Take Place Friday, April 12**

**12:15 PM to 2 PM**

**Grant and 6th Streets in front of UPMC/ Steel Building**

Mon Valley residents and Environmental Justice advocates are demanding a seat at the table, #ProtectOurHealth, and a leadership commitment to a future that builds healthier communities in the Mon Valley that ensure clean air and water. Mon Valley residents and groups will speak throughout the hour of their wish to ensure that any vote of company shareholders hears the voice of harmed communities and stops the ongoing legacy of pollution they have suffered.

Community voices must be heard in the pending sale of U.S. Steel to Nippon Steel, advocates agree. They implore our corporate and civic leaders, including President Biden, Pa.'s Senators and the Boards and Management of Nippon and USS to invite residents of the Mon Valley to a seat at the table in the decision-making process so that their community concerns can be addressed.

"Our seniors deserve a better quality of life. Our children deserve an opportunity to live," said Mayor Nickole Nesby, Environmental Health Organizer for 412 Justice.

To be clear, advocates are not expressing a viewpoint on the sale itself. They do accept that a diversity of viewpoints may be shared on the sale of USS by workers and union members who may be present. They are asking that steelmakers stop polluting our air and making people sick. We need an investment in the community that will restore community health and reverse the history of Pay to Pollute fines and penalties.

These health harms are continuing because of ongoing air quality violations at Mon Valley Works facilities. U.S. Steel has been fined more than \$15 million for thousands of violations of the Clean Air Act in the Mon Valley since April 2020 in Allegheny County. U.S. Steel has also entered into consent agreements totaling more than \$47 million for ADDITIONAL violations since 2018. This “Pay to Pollute” way of doing business must stop. Harms to the health of the Mon Valley MUST come to an end.

Following the speakers, participants will stage a vote of the people.

**The following community leaders, environment and healthcare experts will speak:**

**Mayor Nickole Nesby**, 412 Justice, Environmental Health Organizer and rally leader

**Qiyam Ansari**, Valley Clean Air Now (VCAN), Clairton resident

**Shaman Pomaj chakmam Yajalaji**, Black Appalachia Coalition (BLAC)

**Patrick Campbell**, GASP Executive Director

**Fawn Walker-Montgomery**, Take Action Advocacy Group (TAAG), McKeesport resident

**Chavaysha Chaney**, Women for a Healthy Environment, Advocacy and Health Policy Manager

**Chardae Jones**, Braddock Council

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