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Breathe Project Statement About Recent Developments Concerning US Steel's Sale to Nippon Steel

Pittsburgh, Pa. – The latest back-and-forth public statements concerning the sale of US Steel to Nippon Steel once again do little to reassure Mon Valley residents that their voices are being heard. These [voices have been calling for](#):

- A vision centering on improving the health of communities, with leadership and reliable, good-faith partners that keep promises.
- A plan respecting residents' rights to clean air and water and a healthy environment.
- Investments in people, not in industries that harm communities.
- Solutions addressing short-term air pollution problems and long-term climate necessities lacking in past and current proposed plans for the Mon Valley Works.
- Reliable, family-sustaining jobs in industries that help – not hurt – their local communities.

"Despite the drama in the press, the real issues remain the same," stated Matthew Mehalik, Executive Director of the Breathe Project. "The ongoing threats from pollution from outdated and leaking coke and steel plants to the health of Mon Valley residents and all residents of Allegheny County need to be addressed.

"The plants in the Mon Valley are based on an old business model because of heavy fossil fuel use and high carbon emissions. This needs to change for the long-term viability given steel market demand trends. Subjecting the community to ongoing uncertainties about its future by threatening to move headquarters away and shut the plant down in a negotiation ignores the real social harms experienced by residents and workers who are manipulated without regard for their well-being. Throwing around \$3 Billion figures about vague

investments further subjects our region to stressful uncertainties without specific solutions to real community needs.”

“Talk to Mon Valley residents. Listen to what they need. Stop the 150-year trend of ignoring people impacted by harmful investment decisions,” Mehalik said.

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