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RE: U. S. Steel / Allegheny County Health Department Agreement and Order 190604

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry, the largest, broad-based business advocacy organization in the Commonwealth, I am writing in support of the proposed agreement and order reached between U. S. Steel and the Allegheny County Health Department.

This agreement will effectively address the matters raised by the Health Department while also ensuring that the U. S. Steel Clairton Coke Plant will be fairly regulated moving forward. The additional \$200 million pledged by the company in upgrades to the Clairton Plant's coke batteries and emissions controls, along with improvements already made by the company, and the recent announcement of an investment of more than \$1 billion in a new technologically advanced, sustainable steelmaking process and a new co-generation facility, will help to secure the Mon Valley Works future and it will continue to be one of the region's most important employers.

Like U. S. Steel, our organization also has a strong commitment to the environment and to providing good paying jobs to the Pittsburgh region. This agreement will further the significant and documented air quality improvements that have been achieved over the past several decades in southwestern Pennsylvania and across the state, while also ensuring the continued viability and operation of a manufacturing facility that is paramount to the region's economic well-being. As such, this agreement deserves the strong support of the County's Health Department and County leaders.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gene Barr".

Gene Barr
President and CEO