

May 2, 2008

Dear Mayor Nutter,

We are 6th and 7th grade students from the Folk Arts-Cultural Treasures Charter School at 1023 Callowhill Street. We are writing this letter to inform you that the company who owns the Reading Railroad lot has kept the lot very dirty and has lots of trash. We hate looking at the trash. The owner doesn't clean the lot and doesn't even allow our school to help clean it.

Every time we go on the school bus and see the lot, we feel bad. If that space is very dirty, the parents of the students who come to visit our school feel uncomfortable. It has a bad impact on our school. If the trash isn't cleaned up, the visitors from other countries who might be touring the U.S.A will also have a negative impression of our school and the country.

We are also trying to get Reading Company to rent part of the lot to us so we can make a park or garden or something useful there. The land is being wasted and is not used right now.

Mr. Mayor, please help us get the lot fixed up. If that place is clean, everyone in our community will say that you can stand tall and proud. You are a good mayor. We want you to take some action to help clean up the lot. If you think about having trash like this next to your house, you wouldn't feel well either.

If you do not believe us, we invite you to visit our school and look at our environment. We are thankful for you taking time to read this letter. We hope you can take action to do something. Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

[FACTS Students]