More Useful Comments (specific, concrete, use examples)

You started off with a wonderful title. It is an attention grabber, and is a perfect explanation of your paper’s main thesis.

Also, you just mentioned the solutions and gave a definition. You didn’t go any farther. Maybe you could describe the problem a little bit more, along with the solutions. You may want to go into more detail about why certain solutions would not work, and you could give examples.

The first paragraph needs a little more work, perhaps adding an interesting fact about the area to grab the reader.

The biggest problems with this paper were the organization and word choice in several places. Many of the paragraphs have a series of choppy sentences in them which could have been combined and reworded in order to flow better. The third paragraph is particularly repetitive because it contains a lot of short sentences that begin with “the child….”

Describe the problem in more detail. If you are informing someone, say audiences of students for example, you need to make them understand the gravity of the situation, and what ways that they can help inform others of the drug abuse. You should focused on a few main ideas centered around the problem, such as what kinds of drugs are the most abused and who uses them the most. As for the solution focus on what kinds of treatments are necessary for rehabilitation, and what types of prevention that the government should instill.

I was a little unsure of which sentence was your thesis though; I thought it was the last one in your opening paragraph. If so it was you need to say how you are going to improve the system upfront. It is a good idea to improve the system for sure, but the only ideas I got from your paper was more busses and somehow make them arrive on time. Your paper really needs more explanation of what exactly you plan to do, and how you plan to make the busses run on time.

There also needs to be a reference to counter argument, in your paper. Yeah it seems like a good idea to have better transportation, but why should someone spend tons of money buying more busses? Consider that someone else could say there shouldn’t be any more busses, because a cab system or putting in a subway would work better. You need to convince the reader that busses really are the best way to spend money to help people get around Asheville.

Another thing I noticed is that some of the middle paragraphs were rather short. While this is a draft and information can be added, I included some questions to help make the paragraphs go more in depth with your solutions that you are suggesting.
When I was reading this essay a lot of the sentences I felt were dragged out and long. As I suggested in the second sentence: Shorter and simpler sentences could be used to get a point across and make it easy for the reader to understand. (Comment: This sentence could be simplified to “A pregnant student at North Rowan High School seemed as casual as the common cold”.)

Yeah sure foreign cars are a little bit more expensive than they should be. However, people are still buying them. I would like to see more numbers, maybe about how many more families would be able to afford a car if the import tax was lowered. I would also be interested to know more about the import tax in general, why is it so high? Who does this tax effect? Why was this tax put in place?

In the fifth paragraph, you suggested some ways for the shuttle to be funded. I suggested that you pick one way and expand on it. On top of making your paper longer, this would make the funding for your idea more concrete.

One way that would make your paper sound a bit less informal would be to eliminate some of the questions. You ask quite a few questions in this paper, and some of them seem especially unnecessary, like the one I highlighted and commented on.

**Less Useful Comments (vague, abstract, or unclear)**

You are very descriptive in ways that make me laugh because the adjectives are so true as well as applicable!

It was easy to read, and I felt the flow was good.

The content wasn’t a problem but the sentence structure and the way some of the information was presented needed to be changed.

Some of the words are repeated a lot throughout the essay. Having a variety is important.

The paper’s focus could have been made more narrow if the ideas were spaced out more.

Also, some of the sentences were a little awkward, and could be simplified so the reader doesn’t have to go back and re-read them like I did.

When reading your essay it wasn’t really clear to me on what your solution was. I would talk more on your solution and make it more apparent to the reader.

Also I suggest getting a few more sources for your essay so it will give you more information to
work with.

The only big suggestion I would have is maybe to try to shorten the paper or combine some of the paragraphs by taking out a few sentences. There were times when a sentence or two would come up and I would feel like I had already heard it before.