



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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## **Boston Students File A Climate Change Petition For Rulemaking To The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection**

**WHAT:** Students from Boston Latin High School and Boston College School of Law will hand-deliver their Petition for Rulemaking to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection asking the department to adopt a rule that will require the state to prepare plan to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 6% annually to meet the statutory targets in the Massachusetts' Global Warming Solutions Act.

**WHEN:** Monday, October 29 at 3:15 p.m. Eastern Standard Time

**WHERE:** Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection  
One Winter Street  
Boston, MA 02108

**WHY:** The petition is part of one of the most remarkable legal strategies on climate crisis to date. The strategy was launched on May 4, 2011 as part of the TRUST Campaign, in which youth filed legal actions in 49 states and against the federal government. The objective of the campaign is to require governments to develop and implement plans to protect and restore the atmosphere, a resource protected by the Public Trust Doctrine. The filing of the Massachusetts petition will be the most recent legal action filed in the international TRUST Campaign.

The release of the film *TRUST Massachusetts*, telling the story of the lead petitioner, Eshe Sherley, will coincide with the filing of the petition on Monday. Eshe's short documentary is the ninth film in the series [Stories of TRUST: Calling for Climate Recovery](#), which captures the stories of some of the daring youth who are asking their government to protect them and future generations. Right before this important election, the TRUST youth—many of whom cannot vote—are calling on their leaders and adult voters to be, in Eshe Sherley's words, "upstanders, not bystanders" on climate crisis.

To find out more about youth across the country taking legal action to compel their governments to protect the atmosphere and adopt scientifically viable greenhouse gas emissions reductions plans, visit: [www.ourchildrenstrust.org](http://www.ourchildrenstrust.org).

**WHO:** The students will be available for interview at the Department of Environmental Protection.

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