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### **In *Juliana v. United States* Hearing, Judge Aiken Reaffirms October 29th Trial Date**

Eugene, Oregon -- U.S. District Court Judge Ann Aiken presided over a telephonic hearing yesterday to discuss new motions the Trump Administration has filed in *Juliana v. United States*, the constitutional climate lawsuit brought by 21 young plaintiffs and supported by Our Children's Trust. One motion renews the Administration's objections that the Court should not allow plaintiffs to proceed to trial and seeks dismissal of the President from the case. Another argues once again that the plaintiffs do not have standing to bring the case and no constitutional rights to pursue.

Judge Aiken ordered the parties to brief the motions on a few limited questions, including whether the Court can grant relief against the President. She indicated oral argument on the motion will likely occur in July.

"We are not delaying the trial," Judge Aiken [told](#) the parties during the hearing, and directed counsel to stay on track with discovery, signaling her disapproval of the Administration's efforts to delay discovery.

**Julia Olson**, executive director and chief legal counsel of **Our Children's Trust** and co-counsel for youth plaintiffs said:

"We are working hard to prepare for trial on October 29 and we are pleased with the schedule Judge Aiken set forth during yesterday's hearing."

*Juliana v. United States* is *not* about the government's failure to act on climate. Instead, the 21 young plaintiffs assert that the U.S. government, through its *affirmative actions* in creating a national energy system that cause climate change, has violated their constitutional rights to life, liberty, and property, and has failed to protect essential public trust resources. The case is one of many related legal actions brought

by youth in several states and countries, all supported by Our Children's Trust, and all seeking science-based action by governments to stabilize the climate system.

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***Our Children's Trust** is a nonprofit organization, leading a coordinated global human rights and environmental justice campaign to implement enforceable science-based Climate Recovery Plans that will return atmospheric carbon dioxide concentrations to below 350 ppm by the year 2100. We elevate the voice of youth, those with most to lose in the climate crisis, to secure the legal right to a healthy atmosphere and stable climate on behalf of all present and future generations.*

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