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Zero Hour Launches Nationwide Campaign in Support of
Juliana v. United States Youth Plaintiffs

San Francisco, California - On Saturday, Zero Hour, youth-led climate group, launched the website www.joinjuliana.org and announced its nationwide campaign to help thousands of young people add their names to the Young People’s amicus (“friend of the court”) brief in support of the young Americans behind Juliana v. United States, the landmark constitutional climate lawsuit. The brief will be filed by PowerShift Network, the parent organization of Zero Hour, with the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals on March 1, 2019, demanding that the court allow the voices of the Juliana plaintiffs to be heard. Since Saturday, more than 3,000 young people have added their names in support of the brief.

The website highlights a video produced by NowThis News that features the 21 Juliana plaintiffs asking young people everywhere to “join Juliana” by learning more about the brief and signing on their support.

Jamie Margolin, 17-year-old founder of Zero Hour and plaintiff in the climate lawsuit Aji P. v. State of Washington, said:

“Enough is enough. We the youth cannot be expected to study, grow up, and just go about our business as usual when our leaders are leaving us with a planet that is soon going to be unlivable. We are tired of quietly growing up in fear of what our polluted, climate-chaos filled future holds. We want climate justice, and for our government to put our rights over fossil-fuel profit..”
Juliana v. United States is not about the government’s failure to act on climate. Instead, these young plaintiffs between the ages of 11 and 22, assert that the U.S. government, through its affirmative actions in creating a national energy system that causes climate change, is depriving them of 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. www.ourchildrenstrust.org/

Earth Guardians is a Colorado-based nonprofit organization with youth chapters on five continents, and multiple groups in the United States with thousands of members working together to protect the Earth, the water, the air, and the atmosphere, creating healthy sustainable communities globally. We inspire and empower young leaders, families, schools, organizations, cities, and government officials to make positive change locally, nationally, and globally to address the critical state of the Earth. www.earthguardians.org

PowerShift is a North American non-profit organization made up of a network of youth-led social and environmental justice organizations working together to build the youth clean energy and climate movement.

Zero Hour is a youth-led movement creating entry points, training, and resources for new young activists and organizers (and adults who support our vision) wanting to take concrete action around climate change. Together, we are a movement of unstoppable youth organizing to protect our rights and access to the natural resources and a clean, safe, and healthy environment that will ensure a livable future where we not just survive, but flourish. http://thisiszerohour.org

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