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“YOUTH v GOV” Film

“YOUTH v. GOV” is a groundbreaking, award-winning independent documentary that tells the story of the 21 youth plaintiffs suing the U.S. government in Juliana v. United States. From acclaimed director Christi Cooper, Barrelmaker Productions, and Vulcan Productions, the film has received 25 different awards, toured 50 film festivals internationally, and been praised by major voices in the film world like Francis Ford Coppola and Glenn Close. This film frames the story of the climate crisis using a personal, storytelling lens, highlighting the diverse stories of individual youth directly impacted and harmed by this crisis due to the actions of their own government. The plaintiffs in Juliana v. United States, all now between the ages of 14–26 and, represented by the nonprofit public interest law firm, Our Children’s Trust, filed their case in 2015, alleging that the government is taking deliberate actions that directly cause and worsen the climate crisis and, as a result, harm the youth and violate their constitutional rights to life, liberty, and property.

Everyone is affected by the climate crisis and everyone will be impacted by the outcome of this lawsuit, but the most vulnerable to impacts of the climate crisis are our youth. After watching the “YOUTH v. GOV” documentary, viewers will leave energized and inspired to act to protect generations today and into the future.

Meet The Director

Christi Cooper
Producer/Director Christi Cooper is a PhD scientist, documentary filmmaker, and Emmy-award winning cinematographer. Christi focuses her storytelling and visual narratives on issues of justice and impact by creating human connections to the most pressing issues of our time. She left a successful academic and research career in Europe to obtain an MFA in Science & Natural History Filmmaking (graduate thesis: Contemporary Advocacy Filmmaking: Campaigns for Change). In 2011, Christi co-created Stories of TRUST: Calling for Climate Recovery, a 10-part documentary series featuring youth plaintiffs suing their state governments over climate change, with WITNESS, a social justice/human rights organization.
focused on using film for social change. The campaign was used to reach decision-makers and judges who were ruling on climate litigation brought to the courts by young people. She recently premiered her first feature documentary, “YOUTH v GOV”, at DocNYC. Her film awards include ReelWomen Direct Award for Excellence in Directing by a Woman from Cleveland International Film Festival; Best of Fest, Audience Award, and Best Feature Documentary from Woods Hole Film Festival; Honorary Mention for Documentary Feature from Bentonville Film Festival; Impact Award for Feature Film from EarthxFilm; Panda Award for Best Campaign Film from Wildscreen; among others. Christi is the inaugural SFFilm/Vulcan Productions Environmental Film Fellow and the first Jacob Burns Film Center Focus on Nature Artist-in-Resident.

In addition to communicating sometimes very complex issues through storytelling and visual narrative, her primary goals are to combine her research skills and in-depth knowledge of science with her desire to create compelling narratives focused on raising awareness about sociopolitical issues and justice. In her “free” time, she enjoys being a mother and a partner, growing her own food, and relishing in the incredible beauty and lifestyle of Montana.

Our Children’s Trust

Our Children’s Trust (OCT) is the world’s only nonprofit public interest law firm exclusively dedicated to representing and supporting young people across the globe who are suing their governments for its affirmative actions causing and worsening the climate crisis. OCT has represented the Juliana v. United States youth plaintiffs since their landmark case was filed in 2015 and continues to help young people around the world secure their legal rights to a safe climate – for both present and future generations.

Currently, OCT represents and supports youth in several constitutional climate lawsuits active in court systems across the United States and around the globe, including:

- **Juliana v. United States**
- **Held v. State of Montana** (which will become the first children’s climate trial in U.S. history when it begins February 6, 2023!)
- **Natalie R. v. State of Utah**
- **Layla H. v. Commonwealth of Virginia**
- **La Rose v. Her Majesty the Queen**
- **Jóvenes v. Gobierno de México**
- Plus active youth-led legal actions in Florida and children’s climate lawsuits in India, Pakistan, and Uganda!
Meet the Legal Counsel from Our Children’s Trust in *Juliana v. United States*

Julia Olson, Executive Director, Chief Legal Counsel at Our Children’s Trust

Julia Olson graduated from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, with a J.D. in 1997. For the first part of her 25-year career, Julia represented grassroots conservation groups working to protect air, water, forests, wildlife, and human health. After becoming a mother, and realizing the greatest threat to her children and children everywhere was climate change, she focused her work on representing young people and elevating their voices on the issue that will most determine the quality of their lives and the well-being of all future generations. Julia founded Our Children’s Trust in 2010 to lead this strategic legal campaign on behalf of the world’s youth against governments everywhere. Julia leads *Juliana v. United States*, the constitutional climate change case brought by 21 youth against the U.S. government for violating their Fifth Amendment rights to life, liberty, property, and public trust resources. Julia and OCT are recipients of the Rose–Walters Prize for Global Environmental Activism. She received the Kerry Rydberg Award for Environmental Activism in 2017 and the Katharine & George Alexander Law Prize in 2022. Julia is a member of Rachel’s Network Circle of Advisors and was named one of Bloomberg’s “Green 30 for 2020.” Julia has been an invited speaker before the Conference of Chief Justices, National Association of Women Judges, and numerous universities and law schools.

Philip Gregory, Of Counsel

Since 2010, Phil Gregory has served as Of Counsel with OCT on a pro bono basis, all while maintaining his litigation practice with the Gregory Law Group. Phil’s representative cases litigated issues like title to real property on the California coast and decades-long groundwater contamination, while his pro bono trial work has addressed flooding during Hurricane Katrina, preserving old growth redwoods in Richardson Grove, and saving Coho salmon in the Smith River. In 1976, Phil obtained his B.A. from Bowdoin College, graduating magna cum laude in two majors. In 1980, Phil obtained his J.D. and M.B.A. from Santa Clara University. He is a Master of the Bench and former past President with the Hon. William Ingram American Inn of Court. He is also a Fellow with the International Academy of Trial Lawyers and a member with the American Board of Trial Advocates. For 16 years in a row, Phil has been recognized as a Super Lawyer by superlawyer.com. Phil loves backpacking, tending his vineyard, spending time in Maine, and playing with his grandchildren, Alice, Lincoln, and John Jr.

Andrea Rodgers, Senior Litigation Attorney at Our Children’s Trust

Andrea is Senior Litigation Attorney at Our Children’s Trust and serves as co-counsel on *Juliana v. United States*. After graduating from the University of California, Santa Barbara in
1998 and Arizona State University School of Law in 2001, where she served as co-Executive Editor of Jurimetrics: The Journal of Law, Science and Technology, Andrea clerked for the Hon. John C. Gemmill on the Arizona Court of Appeals. She has served as an Honors Attorney for the U.S. Department of Transportation, In–House Legal Counsel for the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe, and Staff Attorney for the Western Environmental Law Center. Her law practice has focused on reducing pollution from industrial agricultural operations, protecting and enhancing instream flows for people and fish, and fighting climate change for young people and future generations.

**About the Juliana v United States case**

*Juliana v. United States* is a constitutional climate lawsuit filed in 2015 to the U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon, in which 21 youth plaintiffs assert that the federal government’s affirmative actions actively cause and worsen the climate crisis and therefore violate the youths’ constitutional rights to life, liberty and property. The youth plaintiffs are currently awaiting an imminent ruling on a motion to amend their case, where a favorable decision could pave the way to trial.

**Timeline**

A full timeline of events can be found [here](#).

**August 12, 2015:** *Juliana v. United States* was filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon by Our Children’s Trust attorneys on behalf of 21 young Americans.

**November 10, 2016:** U.S. District Judge Ann Aiken issued a groundbreaking ruling denying motions to dismiss filed by the government and the fossil fuel industry (the latter initially one of the defendants.) In her ruling, Judge Aiken wrote, “Exercising my ‘reasoned judgment,’ I have no doubt that the right to a climate system capable of sustaining human life is fundamental to a free and ordered society.”

**January 17, 2020:** The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals issued an order on an interlocutory appeal in which they recognized the gravity of the evidence on the plaintiffs’ injuries from climate change, the government’s role in causing them, and that the government is violating the plaintiffs’ constitutional rights. However, two of the three judges also “reluctantly” concluded that the plaintiffs’ requested remedies should be addressed by the executive and legislative branches rather
than the courts. A third judge, Judge Josephine L. Staton, affirmed the youths’ constitutional climate rights in a powerful dissent where she compared the climate crisis to an asteroid headed for Earth.

**March 2, 2020:** Alongside constitutional law, climate and civil rights experts, 24 members of U.S. Congress filed amicus briefs in support of the plaintiffs’ petition for rehearing en banc with the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

**February 10, 2021:** The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals denied the youth plaintiffs’ request for the full court to rehear their case.

**March 9, 2021:** Attorneys for the plaintiffs filed a motion to amend their complaint with U.S. District Judge Ann Aiken, seeking a declaratory judgment and other relief deemed appropriate for the plaintiffs’ constitutional injuries rather than a remedial plan.

**May 13, 2021:** U.S. District Judge Ann Aiken ordered attorneys for the youth plaintiffs and attorneys with the Department of Justice to convene for a settlement conference with Magistrate Judge Thomas M. Coffin.

**July 7, 2021:** Attorneys general in New York, Delaware, Hawai‘i, Minnesota, Oregon and Vermont, as well as environmental organization NRDC, filed amicus briefs in support of the plaintiffs. Attorneys for the youth plaintiffs also filed a brief opposing a motion filed on June 8, 2021 by 18 Republican attorneys general who seek to obstruct settlement negotiations and have the case dismissed.

**November 1, 2021:** Settlement talks between the Juliana youth, their attorneys, and the Department of Justice ended without resolution after five months. The youth now await a ruling from Judge Ann Aiken on the motion to amend their case, a decision which could set them on the path to trial.

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**Frequently Asked Questions about Juliana v. U.S.**

**Q:** Is this case about the government’s lack of action or inadequate response to the climate crisis?

**A:** No. *Juliana v. United States* is about the government’s affirmative actions -- things the government knowingly does -- to cause and worsen the climate crisis, harming the youth plaintiffs and violating their constitutional rights.
Q: Is the case about children’s rights, human rights, or climate change?
A: This litigation is at the intersection of these three critical issues. Before Our Children’s Trust filed legal actions on behalf of children being harmed by the climate crisis due to the actions of their governments, human rights -- especially the rights of children -- and the climate crisis were rarely linked in active litigation. However, since Our Children’s Trust began representing and supporting youth plaintiffs, human rights and the right to a safe climate have been litigated together around the globe, including cases directly inspired by *Juliana v. United States* like the Urgenda case in the Netherlands and DeJusticia’s case in Colombia.

Q: Didn’t the youth lose this case when the 9th Circuit ruled against them in January 2020? Or when the *en banc* review was denied in February 2021?
A: No. This case is ongoing. Like other legal actions throughout the country, a decision in one court can be appealed to another. In fact, major changes to law, policy, and social norms in society often come about through legal actions that took time -- and suffered a number of setbacks -- before becoming law or receiving judicial protection. The *Juliana* youth currently await a ruling from U.S. District Court Judge Ann Aiken on the motion to amend their complaint, a decision which could set them on the path to trial.

Q: Does Our Children’s Trust charge the youth plaintiffs for legal services?
A: No. Our Children’s Trust provides expert legal representation and support to young people around the world, all at no cost to them or their families.

**Meet the Plaintiffs**

Some young climate leaders are leading protests in the streets. Others -- particularly those who are old enough to vote and thus have a voice in the electorate -- are leading efforts to enact progressive climate legislation in the halls of government. The young people highlighted in the film “*YOUTH v GOV*” are tackling the climate crisis through the third branch of government: the courts. The plaintiffs are now between the ages of 14–26. They come from diverse backgrounds, from different corners of the United States. But their stories are not isolated or unique. Each of their lived experiences provides a personal lens for viewing how the climate crisis harms our children. The plaintiffs in this case are all passionate climate advocates who, due to the actions of their own government, are already experiencing injuries from the accelerating climate crisis. Their stories clarify that the climate crisis is not just an existential issue, but also a deeply personal one.

**Kelsey Juliana, 26**
The first-named plaintiff in *Juliana v. United States*, Kelsey of Eugene, Oregon, has engaged in climate activism since age 10. She was 15 when she co-filed a lawsuit, with the support of
Our Children’s Trust, against the Oregon State Governor, asking for a climate emissions reduction plan and to protect the atmosphere under the public trust doctrine. By 16, Kelsey was a trainer and organizer for the Sierra Student Coalition’s organizing camp. At age 18, Kelsey participated in the Great March for Climate Action, marching 1,600 miles from Nebraska to Washington, D.C. and urging climate action from world leaders. In 2015, at 19, she submitted a Constitutional Climate Change lawsuit alongside 20 other youth against the United States Government. She has represented the #youthgov work of Our Children’s Trust at film festivals, classrooms, rallies, conferences, and throughout the US and internationally. Her background also includes work with iMatter, 350.org, Greenpeace, and Earth Guardians, and she was recently recognized as an addition to the collection of Americans Who Tell The Truth. Kelsey is a graduate of the University of Oregon.

Xiuhtezcatl Tonatiuh Martinez, 21
Xiuhtezcatl (pronounced "Shu-TEZ-caht") is a hip hop artist, activist and former Youth Director of Earth Guardians, a “tribe of young activists, artists, and musicians from across the globe stepping up as leaders and co-creating the future we know is possible.” Raised in the Aztec tradition and deeply connected to his home mountains and rivers of Colorado, Xiuhtezcatl draws on a deep connection to Earth in his performance and speaking, which has taken him on tour around the world: from classrooms to music festivals to the United Nations. Since he was 6 years old, he has been a fierce advocate for environmental protection; he was also the lead plaintiff in a youth-led Colorado fracking lawsuit.

Miko Vergun, 21
Miko was born on Majuro in the Marshall Islands, a low-lying Pacific island nation on the frontlines of climate change. Inspired by the culture and resilience of her people, Miko fights for a future where their land can stay above sea level. Miko has been involved with climate activism since 7th grade, when she joined Plant for the Planet. Since then, she has been speaking at rallies, testimonies, city council meetings, fundraising events and other climate actions. Her hometown is Beaverton, Oregon.

Levi D., 14
"You have to find the way of nature,” is one of Levi’s messages for the world, spoken from his beloved childhood home of a barrier island in Florida, just 13 feet above sea level. His island has been impacted by environmental issues from red algal blooms to increasing storms from climate change. He recently moved from the barrier island due to the risk of flooding caused by the climate crisis and now resides in mainland Florida. After Hurricane Matthew, Levi volunteered replanting the dunes at the beach, where he also does litter clean-ups. The youngest #youthgov plaintiff, Levi has been speaking at marches and rallies in his neighborhood to bring attention to the risk climate change poses to low-lying Florida. In his
free time, Levi loves to sail, spend time training his dog, and volunteer at the local zoo. He is part of the lawsuit to imagine and build a better future.

**Tia Hatton, 25**
A lover of the great outdoors, Tia has nordic skied and run competitively since she was small. From 2013 to 2015, her home region of Bend, OR received record-low snowfall, and she saw how the low snowfall led to drought in the summer months. When she met law professor Mary Wood and heard about Our Children's Trust, she was ready for action. "I didn’t realize my capacity to be heard in the political system growing up, and I assumed the government had my best interest in mind," Tia says. "This is not always the case, and I wish I had known sooner what I could have done."

**Vic Barrett, 23**
Vic is originally from low-lying land in New York, which is threatened by rising sea levels and more frequent storm surges, and has felt firsthand climate impacts in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, when his home lost power and his school and local transport shut down. Vic was formerly a Fellow with Action for the Climate Emergency (ACE), and traveled to Paris to attend and speak at the COP21 UN Conference on Climate Change, as well as COP26 in Glasgow, Scotland. After marching in solidarity with more than 400,000 people at the People’s Climate March in New York City, he organized his peers in local frontline climate campaigns, met with the Minister of Environment and Energy for the Maldives and met with former U.S. astronaut, Kathryn D. Sullivan, who served as the Administrator for NOAA. He also spoke at the United Nations headquarters in New York City for the High-Level Thematic Debate on Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. He cares deeply about climate change, justice, and human rights, especially regarding the ways climate change affects young people like him and continues to work as an activist.

**Isaac V., 20**
For Isaac’s 5th grade science project, he researched carbon footprint statistics and climate change education. Since then, his passion for the topic has only grown. He was particularly inspired by meeting Bill McKibben, co-founder of 350.org, after which he began a campaign to get the city of Beaverton to divest from fossil fuels. Isaac dedicated his bar mitzvah project to this effort and gathered more than 500 signatures for divestment. Isaac is also a member of Plant for the Planet and helped organize the first ever Plant for the Planet Academy in the U.S. outside of Washington state. Isaac has been named a Climate Justice Ambassador and taken part in Youth Climate Leadership Training.
Journey Zephier, 23
Mani Wanji “Journey” was born in South Dakota and is an enrolled member of the Yankton Sioux Nation. In 2009, he and his family moved to the small town of Kapaa on the Hawaiian island of Kaua‘i where Journey attended a Hawaiian cultural immersion school, and practiced both the Hawaiian language and culture, along with his own Indigenous traditions. With climate change, his Hawaiian town will be mostly underwater by the end of the century, and he is already seeing many impacts on his island in the form of shrinking beaches, dying coral reefs, and drought on an island “which used to be one of the wettest places on earth,” he says.

Kiran Oommen, 25
Kiran Oommen is a queer Malayali-American community organizer, gardener, and musician living off the grid on stolen Siuslaw land, in the Coast Range of Oregon. In addition to their work as a plaintiff on the Juliana v. United States lawsuit, they are on the Board of Directors for the Civil Liberties Defense Center and are associated with a variety of direct action groups in the Pacific Northwest. Kiran got their BA in sociology at Seattle University. They are the primary singer/songwriter behind the bluegrass band Foraging.

Jaime Butler, 21
Jaime is of the Tangle People Clan, born for the Bitterwater Clan, maternal Grandfathers are the Redhouse Clan, and paternal Grandfathers are the Toweringhouse Clan. She grew up in Cameron, Arizona on the Navajo Nation Reservation. In 2011, Jaime and her Mother had to move because of water scarcity. Jaime and her extended family on the Reservation remember times when there was enough water on the Reservation for agriculture and farm animals, but now the springs they once depended on year-round are drying up. Jaime also sees firsthand the cultural and spiritual impacts of climate change, as participating in sacred Navajo ceremonies on the Reservation is an important part of Jaime’s life, and climate impacts are starting to harm the ability for Jamie and her tribe to participate in their traditional ceremonies. Since she was four years old, Jaime has been working to protect the Earth. Beginning in elementary school, Jaime wrote letters to President Obama about her concerns for the environment. Additionally, in 2011, she filed a lawsuit against the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, also supported by Our Children's Trust.

Zealand B, 18
In his hometown of Eugene, Oregon, Zealand has advocated before local and state governmental bodies for science-based government action on climate change. Zealand loves the solitude of wilderness, and “snow, skiing, clean air, water, rafting, beaches, trees” are what he most loves and hopes to never lose to climate chaos. Zealand’s mother usually works during the winter at the Willamette Pass ski resort, but lost that work as Oregon
received less snow during the winter of 2014–2015. Decreased snowpack levels in the future will also harm the availability of drinking water for Zealand, his family and his community, as Eugene’s only water source, the McKenzie River, is fed by melting snowpack.

Jayden F., 19
Early one morning in August 2016, as torrential rains pounded Louisiana, Jayden woke up, stepped onto her bedroom floor and found herself ankle-deep in water. “They called it a thousand-year flood, meaning it should only happen every thousand years or so,” she says. “But in my state—Louisiana—we have had that 1,000-year flood and eight 500-year floods in less than two years,” she says. Most of Jayden’s family home was destroyed in that flood, which was followed by another in Spring 2017. The air and water pollution from the development of fossil fuels in southern Louisiana also threaten the health of Jayden and her family. They used to enjoy visiting the beach frequently, swimming in the Gulf of Mexico, crabbing and eating seafood, but have avoided these activities since the BP oil spill. She is now working with her mother to resist the Bayou Bridge Pipeline, which would carry oil transported via the Dakota Access pipeline from Nederland, Texas, across the state of Louisiana to refineries and international export terminals.

Nathan Baring, 22
Nathan is a third-generation Alaskan. Growing seasons are increasing, novel invasive species are moving north, fisheries are declining and permafrost is melting. These are merely a few of the impacts of the climate crisis to the arctic, as it warms twice as fast as the rest of the nation. More and more severe ice storms are also coming, and Nathan’s city declared a state of disaster after a severe ice storm in 2014 created widespread power outages. On the other hand, during the summer of 2015, Fairbanks was surrounded by numerous wildfires and air quality rivaled that of some of the world’s smoggiest cities. Nathan fears the full loss of the arctic as a beautiful, unique ecosystem upon which dozens of cultures and ways-of-life depend. That is why he is working hard to take actions to reverse and mitigate the effects of climate change through work at his college, his membership in the Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition and his Quaker church. Also an advocate for labor justice, Nathan hopes that more rural economies like his can be at the forefront of an energy transition, as oil currently provides the bulk of private employment in Alaska.

Aji Piper, 21
As The Planet Magazine wrote about him, Aji “seems like a typical teenager, until he starts to speak on issues ranging from climate systems to social justice and education policy.” Aji’s love for the earth began growing up in Port Orchard, WA, at the end of a half mile dirt road. His mother raised him in connection with Buddhism and herbalism, and when Aji was 12, he joined Plant for the Planet, a youth-run organization that has planted 14 billion trees.
worldwide. Now a member of the Earth Guardians RYSE Council, Aji has spoken at numerous rallies, events and universities, and even began a lawsuit against the Department of Ecology in Washington before joining the #youthgov federal case.

Sahara V., 17
Sahara feels very connected to the natural world in her home state of Oregon, where she enjoys exploring the Mohawk River and the Yachats. She has already begun to see and feel the impacts of climate change, with decreasing water levels in the Mohawk and sea level rise on the coast. Sahara also has asthma, and her condition has been exacerbated by the increased frequency of forest fires in Oregon, a result of hotter and drier temperatures, and grass allergies. She is taking a stand in this lawsuit for the health of all present and future generations.

Hazel V., 17
Hazel has loved camping, the ocean and every aspect of nature since she was very little. She frequently visits the Oregon coast, but increased surface and ocean temperatures, sea level rise and ocean acidification caused by climate change threaten Hazel’s future ability to enjoy outdoor activities, which are important aspects of her childhood. Unfortunately, information about the disastrous effects of climate change wasn’t taught in her school, so Hazel tries hard to educate others about the harmful effects of climate change.

Avery M., 16
In 2014, she received NCAP’s Rachel Carson Award, which honors individuals who are making an on-the-ground difference in their community and inspiring others to do the same. Avery is part of the environmental club at her high school and continues to help organize rallies in her hometown.

Sophie Kivlehan, 23
Growing up with stories of climate change from her grandfather, legendary climate scientist, Dr. James Hansen, Sophie became passionate about climate science at a young age. Extreme weather events, including Hurricane Sandy, have caused Sophie to miss school on many occasions; hailstorms have damaged her house; floodwaters often inundate roads by her house; and Sophie has even been forced to prepare for tornado warnings, which are very unusual for the area where she lives. Sophie is deeply concerned about the future because she knows that climate change will harm not only her, but also the entire fabric of human civilization and all living things on Earth that she cherishes and relies on for her life, liberties, and property.
Nic Venner, 20
As a young Catholic, Nic was drawn to the intersection between their church and environmental stewardship and was inspired by Pope Francis’s 2015 encyclical, Laudato Si. Where they live in Colorado, Nic enjoys fishing, but due to wildfires and variable water flows from droughts and floods, they have not been able to go fishing for the past three years. Additionally, Nic and their family grow some of their own food, but hail, rainstorms, drought and pests have ruined their garden for several years.

Jacob Lebel, 25
Jacob has always felt a special connection to the land: in rural Quebec, where he was born and in Roseburg, Oregon, where he now lives on a sustainable farm. At 16 years old, he ran a small-scale Community Supported Agriculture business, providing nearby customers with fresh organic produce, fruit and meat. This intimate connection to the land reveals just how quickly the climate is changing in Oregon: long, dry summers, droughts and heat waves are increasing, and the supply of water in the irrigation ponds is decreasing. A few years ago, Jacob joined the campaign against the proposed Jordan Cove natural gas pipeline, which would run about two kilometers away from his farm. If built, the plant and pipeline would have been the largest source of carbon emissions in Oregon. In 2016, Jacob also traveled to North Dakota to join the movement against the Dakota Access Pipeline near the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation. Jacob is an aspiring citizen journalist, and hopes to create self-sustainable living ecosystems for human communities worldwide.

Alex Loznak, 24
Alex Loznak is a graduate of Columbia University in New York City, with a major in Sustainable Development. He went to college a long way from the Oregon farm that has been in his family for seven generations. The Maupin Century Farm is a foundational piece of Alex’s life and heritage. However, the drought conditions, unusually hot temperatures and abnormally large nearby wildfires are harming and will increasingly harm Alex’s home. Alex started a Climate Change Club at Roseburg High School, started the League of Umpqua Climate Youth (“LUCY”), and has lobbied his state legislators to pass comprehensive climate legislation. He has now also conducted extensive research for this lawsuit, including uncovering President John F. Kennedy’s knowledge of human-caused climate change.
Call to Action: Join #YouthvGov

“YOUTH v. GOV” is a powerful, motivating, and engaging film that takes the viewer on a journey of highs and lows, victories and setbacks, and ends on a note of optimism and indefatigability. It is an independent documentary that tells the story of Juliana v. United States, a youth-led constitutional climate lawsuit, that is part of Our Children’s Trust’s #youthvgov climate rights legal campaign worldwide.

There is no end in sight for this fight in Juliana v. United States, and the next chapter of this story is still yet to be written. People watching the film about this case can help influence its outcome by joining the #YouthvGov community, taking action to support the youth plaintiffs and their landmark constitutional climate lawsuit at www.youthvgov.org.

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