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“YOUTH v GOV” Documentary Now Streaming on Netflix

Film tells the story of 21 extraordinary young people actively suing the U.S. Government in a groundbreaking case to secure their constitutional right to a safe climate.

EUGENE, Ore. -- Today, “[YOUTH v GOV](#),” an independent award-winning documentary by acclaimed Director Christi Cooper, Barrelmaker Productions, and Vulcan Productions about the children’s constitutional climate case, [Juliana v. United States](#), premieres globally on Netflix.

In *Juliana v. United States*, 21 youth plaintiffs argue that their federal government has directly contributed to the climate crisis -- including creating a fossil fuel energy system that causes and worsens climate change -- and thus is harming the youth plaintiffs, violating their constitutional rights to life, liberty, and property as well as failing to protect essential public trust resources. The independent film “YOUTH v GOV” follows the youth plaintiffs across several years of their quest to seek climate justice in the courts and secure their constitutional right to a safe climate.

“In under 2 hours, you get an inside look at nearly 7 years of *Juliana v. United States*. And it’s not over. We are determined to get to trial because our young clients deserve to take the stand and have their evidence heard by a judge,” **remarked Julia Olson, Executive Director and Chief Legal Counsel at Our Children's Trust**. “The question now is whether the Biden administration will keep fighting tooth and nail to keep them silenced, and whether our courts will stand up for their constitutional rights. After 50 years of the government – both Democrats and Republicans - knowingly making the climate crisis worse, I’m not betting on partisan politics. But I do have faith in the judiciary.”

The film’s release comes at an important moment in the litigation: Our Children’s Trust and the *Juliana v. U.S.* youth plaintiffs are awaiting an imminent federal court decision on a motion to amend their case that could put them back on a path to trial. This case has the potential to radically alter the United States’ climate future: a win in *Juliana v. United States* would be one of the single most far-reaching and durable solutions to the climate crisis ever secured.

The trailblazing [legal team](#) at Our Children’s Trust and *Juliana* youth [plaintiffs](#) are available for interviews about the film and next steps in their case.

A full press kit is available [here](#).

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ABOUT “YOUTH v GOV” FILM

“[YOUTH v GOV](#),” produced by award-winning Director Christi Cooper, Barrelmaker Productions and Vulcan Productions, tells the story of the groundbreaking constitutional climate case, *Juliana v. United States*, and the 21 American youth who are taking on the world’s most powerful government.. These passionate young people, who are now between the ages of 14-26, are suing their federal government, alleging that the government’s affirmative actions causing and worsening the climate crisis violate their constitutional rights to life, liberty, and property. “YOUTH v GOV” has won more than 25 awards at film festivals across the world and is streaming globally on Netflix beginning April 29, 2022.

ABOUT JULIANA v. UNITED STATES

[Juliana v. United States](#) is a constitutional climate lawsuit filed in 2015 in the U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon, in which the 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 plaintiffs are currently awaiting an imminent ruling on a motion to amend their case, where a favorable decision could pave the way to trial.

ABOUT 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 plaintiffs across the globe who are suing their governments for its affirmative actions causing and worsening climate change. OCT has represented the *Juliana v. United States* youth plaintiffs since the landmark case was first 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 leads and supports several constitutional climate lawsuits active in court systems across the United States and around the globe, including *Held v. State of Montana*, which will become the first children’s climate trial in U.S. history when it commences in February 2023.