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**Biden Administration, Department of Justice, Continue Delay Tactics
in *Juliana v. United States***

Eugene, Ore.—On Thursday, January 11, the US Department of Justice (DOJ) [filed a request for more time](#) to answer the plaintiffs’ second amended complaint in *Juliana v. United States*, yet another in a long line of DOJ requests for extensions in the over eight years the case has been pending. Today, the legal team at Our Children’s Trust, representing the 21 youth plaintiffs, [opposed](#) the request for delay because the **DOJ** refused to disclose whether they intend to use the extended window to make another extraordinary attempt at stopping the youth’s trial by running to the court of appeals.

Plaintiffs’ filing explains that Solicitor General Elizabeth Prelogar is the Biden administration official charged with making the decision about whether to file a fifth petition for writ of mandamus against federal judge Ann Aiken and ask the Ninth Circuit to stop the case from going to trial. In their response, Plaintiffs asked Judge Aiken to require the Solicitor General, or her representative, to appear at the status conference on January 19, since the court rules require the participation of attorneys who can speak to “all matters that can reasonably be anticipated for discussion” at the conference.

“For an administration that claims to stand for transparency, the rule of law, a safe climate, and protection for children, its attorneys at DOJ appear poised to continue the shadowy maneuvers of the Trump administration,” said Julia Olson. “On the eve of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, it’s worth remembering Dr. King’s speech at the March on Washington when he described ‘the fierce urgency of now.’ For all the plaintiffs in *Juliana*, whose health, freedoms, and lives hang in the balance, there is an urgency of now. It’s been over eight years for the *Juliana* youth and its beyond time Biden puts an end to this obstruction of justice.”

For more information, including background and timeline of events, please refer to the December 31, 2023, press release [Judge Denies DOJ’s Motions to Dismiss and for Early Appeal in *Juliana v. Unites States*](#).

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