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Montana Supreme Court Sets Date for Oral Argument in *Held v. State of Montana*

Helena, MT— Today, the Montana Supreme Court issued a date for oral argument in youth-led constitutional climate lawsuit, [*Held v. State of Montana*](#). Oral argument will be held in Helena, Montana on July 10, 2024 at 9:30am.

Following the order, Nate Bellinger, one of the attorneys from Our Children's Trust representing the youth plaintiffs, issued the following statement:

"In *Held v. State of Montana*, 16 young people turned to the courts, asserting Montana's actions promoting fossil fuels violated their constitutional rights to a clean and healthful environment, safety, dignity, and equal protection of the laws. Last summer, in an historic decision, Judge Seeley found wholly in their favor, enshrining into law science-based protections for children's most fundamental rights, and making *Held* the world's first, winning, youth-led constitutional climate lawsuit.

We are grateful to have the opportunity for the 16 *Held* plaintiffs to present their case to the Montana Supreme Court and remain confident in our legal arguments and in the compelling evidentiary record the Court will review. We are optimistic that together, we can secure the just outcome that these incredible young leaders, and generations to come, deserve."

The plaintiffs are represented by attorneys with Our Children's Trust, the Western Environmental Law Center, and McGarvey Law.

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