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## **Youth plaintiffs file amended complaint in climate case against U.S. EPA and OMB.**

**LOS ANGELES**— On Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 18 young plaintiffs [filed](#) their amended complaint against the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

Julia Olson, Co-Executive Director and Chief Legal Counsel, said, “When presented with a constitutional violation, our Court’s hold crucial power *and responsibility*, to listen. When heard at trial, 18 children will show that the policies and practices of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) unconstitutionally discriminate against them, by valuing their lives less than adults in discounting policies that then directly affect the amount of climate pollution the EPA allows to enter the air they breathe. This ubiquitous and unequal treatment has already massively impacted their young lives, and will continue to threaten their futures if it continues. Once held accountable to treat Children equally under the law, the OMB and EPA have an opportunity to change the trajectory here, for these young people and generations to follow.”

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*Our Children’s Trust was founded in 2010 on the idea that courts are vital to democracy and empowered to protect our children and the planet. Without a stable climate system, every natural resource we rely upon to exercise our basic human rights—life, liberty, home, happiness—is under threat. Our work will be achieved when there is universal recognition of children’s climate rights by courts around the world and children’s fundamental rights to life on this planet are protected. [www.ourchildrenstrust.org](http://www.ourchildrenstrust.org)*