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**When Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Lifts Temporary Stay,
U.S. District Court Will Be Ready to Quickly Issue New Trial Date in *Juliana v. United States***

Eugene, Oregon - Today, during a status conference between U.S. District Court Judge Ann Aiken and the parties in *Juliana v. United States*, Judge Aiken indicated she would promptly issue a trial date once the Ninth Circuit lifts the temporary stay it placed on trial. The judge also told the parties that she would schedule the pre-trial conference as soon as the trial date gets scheduled.

Julia Olson, executive director and chief legal counsel of **Our Children's Trust** and co-counsel for youth plaintiffs said:

“The Court told us to continue getting our work done for trial so that we are all ready when the Ninth Circuit rules. That’s exactly what we will do. And our briefs to the Supreme Court and the Ninth Circuit on mandamus will show that there is no basis to grant the Government’s request of an appeal before final judgment. As one of our talented law clerks said today, we are in the world of ‘uncivil procedure.’”

Earlier today, a panel of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals granted, in part, the Trump administration’s motion for a temporary stay of District Court proceedings in the case. The panel placed a stay on trial pending its consideration of the petition for writ of mandamus that the Trump administration filed on Monday, November 5. The Court only placed a stay on trial - trial preparations will continue for the youth plaintiffs and the federal government defendants.

Juliana v. United States is *not* about the government’s failure to act on climate. Instead, the 21 young plaintiffs between the ages of 11 and 22, assert that the U.S. government, through its *affirmative actions* in creating a national energy system that causes climate change, is depriving them of their constitutional rights to life, liberty, and property. The case is one of many related legal actions brought by youth in several states and countries, all supported by Our Children’s Trust, and all seeking science-based action by governments to stabilize the climate system.

Counsel for Plaintiffs are Julia Olson, Esq. of Eugene, OR, Philip L. Gregory, Esq. of Gregory Law Group of Redwood City, CA, and Andrea Rodgers, Esq. of Seattle, WA.

***Our Children's Trust** is a nonprofit organization, leading a coordinated global human rights and environmental justice campaign to implement enforceable science-based Climate Recovery Plans that will return atmospheric carbon dioxide concentrations to below 350 ppm by the year 2100. We elevate the voice of youth, those with most to lose in the climate crisis, to secure the legal right to a healthy atmosphere and stable climate on behalf of all present and future generations. www.ourchildrenstrust.org/*

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