



EARTH
GUARDIANS

2020 IMPACT REPORTS
LEGAL ACTIONS
& CIVIC
ENGAGEMENT



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MOBILIZATIONS LEGAL ACTIONS & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT



In our partnership with Our Children's Trust (OCT), Earth Guardians is proud to lead mobilizations around climate-focused legal actions.

HOW IT WORKS

When important developments happen in OCT's cases, Earth Guardians helps young people and supporters all over the world take meaningful action in response. We work closely with the staff and attorneys at OCT, who handle the legal interpretation and strategy, while Earth Guardians takes the lead on translating that legal information into meaningful, relatable, and actionable opportunities for people to be part of this important work.

SOCIALLY DISTANT ACTIVISM

In the time of COVID-19, these opportunities are all virtual, and we have developed brand-new engagement strategies—such as virtual rallies, online workshops, social media challenges, and online educational materials—that allow supporters to make a difference from home.

IMPACT

The impact of these cases and the public engagement surrounding them cannot be overstated. Judge Ann Aiken's statement below (from a 2016 opinion for *Juliana v. United States*) as well as wins like the one in Massachusetts show that these legal arguments and the youth plaintiffs sharing their stories are making a difference.

"EXERCISING MY 'REASONED JUDGMENT,' I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THE RIGHT TO A CLIMATE SYSTEM CAPABLE OF SUSTAINING HUMAN LIFE IS FUNDAMENTAL TO A FREE AND ORDERED SOCIETY."

—U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE ANN AIKEN

Through ongoing mobilizations around these legal actions, we can continue to build our global climate movement and empower young people to make their voices heard in every branch and level of government.

CLICK EACH
CASE TO
LEARN MORE!



U.S. FEDERAL CASE:

- JULIANA V. UNITED STATES

PENDING LEGAL ACTIONS IN U.S. STATES:

- ALASKA
- COLORADO
- FLORIDA
- MONTANA
- NORTH CAROLINA
- OREGON
- WASHINGTON

GLOBAL LEGAL ACTIONS SUPPORTED BY OCT:

- AUSTRALIA
- BELGIUM
- CANADA
- COLOMBIA
- ENGLAND
- FRANCE
- INDIA
- MEXICO
- THE NETHERLANDS
- NORWAY
- PAKISTAN
- PHILIPPINES
- UGANDA
- UKRAINE

Visit the Our Children's Trust [website](#) to learn more about their [mission](#) and the [science](#) behind all of their legal actions.

For more information, email Jecca Bowen, Youth Litigation Mobilization Coordinator for Earth Guardians, at jecca@earthguardians.org.

BY THE NUMBERS

Earth Guardians and Our Children's Trust have worked together for many years, with Earth Guardians listed as an organizational plaintiff on *Juliana v. United States* and many Earth Guardians youth serving as youth plaintiffs on climate-related legal actions that OCT leads and supports across the country and around the world. In July 2020, this partnership was formalized with the creation of the Youth Litigation Mobilization Coordinator position, which acts as a liaison between the two organizations and leads mobilizations and education efforts within the Earth Guardians community related to ongoing legal actions.

SELECT MESSAGES OF SUPPORT FROM EARTH GUARDIANS COMMUNITY MEMBERS AFTER THE OCTOBER 2020 CHERNAIK V. BROWN DECISION



"WE NEED MORE OF THIS ALL OVER OUR COUNTRY AND OUR WORLD."
CINDA JOHANSEN

"THIS WORK MEANS EVERYTHING. IT IS LITERALLY THE MOST IMPORTANT THING.
IF WE DON'T FIGHT FOR OUR CHILDREN AND OUR FUTURE AS HUMAN BEINGS TO LIVE IN A SAFE PLANET BY CHANGING OUR OWN ACTIONS TO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE, WE ARE DOING NOTHING ELSE RIGHT."
EMANUELA GOLDENBERG

MY HOPE IS IN THE YOUTH THAT HAVE COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO FIGHTING FOR A JUST FUTURE FOR ALL. THANK YOU SO MUCH YOU INSPIRE ME.
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Since then, this new branch of Earth Guardians has already yielded exciting results and created new projects, crew opportunities, and community engagement pathways, including...

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mobilizations around major case developments (*Chernaik v. Brown* and *La Rose v. Her Majesty the Queen*)

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new online courses in development related to climate lawsuits and civic engagement

3

how-to guides published about tasks that boost awareness of the cases and support the youth plaintiffs

1

community-focused climate storytelling project begun

31

new signups for mobilization updates and opportunities from supporters in 6 countries

14K

people reached via social media re: case updates and calls to action