

CREATIVELY SUPPORT YOUTH PLAINTIFFS & LEGAL ACTIONS



A STAY-AT-HOME GUIDE TO SAVING THE WORLD



HOW-TO GUIDE

SUPPORT YOUR GLOBAL COMMUNITY

Earth Guardians + Our Children's Trust

Earth Guardians is committed to empowering youth voices all over the world, and one of the ways we do this is through our partnership with Our Children's Trust.

Our Children's Trust (OCT) is a public interest, non-profit law firm that does one very specific thing: represents and supports youth plaintiffs in legal actions against their governments related to climate. These legal actions include lawsuits against the U.S. government (i.e., *Juliana v. United States*) and individual U.S. states as well as actions like submitting and arguing for rulemaking petitions (e.g., the rulemaking hearings happening in Colorado right now). OCT also supports other cases all over the world, working with attorneys to plan the most effective legal strategies for securing the right to a stable climate.

We Need YOU!

As OCT's partner in this important work, Earth Guardians leads mobilizations to increase awareness of and engagement with these legal actions.

That's where you come in.

Earth Guardians helps to spread the word about how the fight against climate change is happening in the courts right now and how to mobilize and take action in response. Our chances of long-term success go way up if the courts see that lots of people support these legal actions and demand that the courts protect our constitutional rights to a safe climate.

One of the most powerful ways you can show this is by **making a video, writing a statement, or doing something creative** explaining why you support these legal actions and the youth plaintiffs behind them. By doing so, you can make your voice heard in these legal processes, increase awareness of the cases, and stand in solidarity with the youth plaintiffs fighting for all of our rights and futures.

To get started, check out some of the active cases that OCT leads or supports—look one happening near where you live or somewhere you've visited!



CLICK EACH CASE TO LEARN MORE!



U.S. FEDERAL CASE:

- JULIANA V. UNITED STATES

PENDING LEGAL ACTIONS IN U.S. STATES:

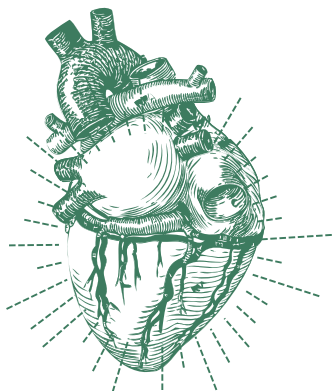
- ALASKA
- COLORADO
- FLORIDA
- MONTANA
- NORTH CAROLINA
- OREGON
- WASHINGTON

ACTIVE GLOBAL LEGAL ACTIONS OCT SUPPORTS:

- CANADA
- MEXICO
- ...AND MORE!

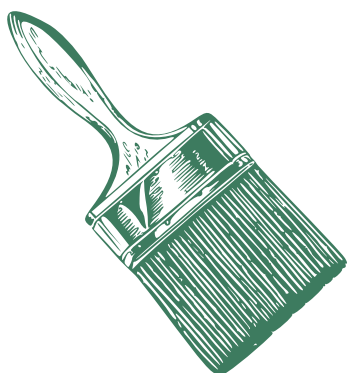
Visit the Our Children's Trust [website](#) to learn more about their [mission](#) and the [science](#) behind all of their legal actions.

CREATE YOUR MESSAGE OF SUPPORT



BRAINSTORM & HEARTSTORM

- As you read through OCT's active cases, write down notes about what they make you think about and how they make you feel. Do you feel inspired? Angry? Proud? Worried? What did you learn? Why do you care, and why should others care?
- The most powerful tool you have is your own story. Jot down some of your own experiences with climate change. Think about how climate change could affect the people and places you love, both now and in the future, and how these cases could change those outcomes.



CHOOSE YOUR MEDIUM

- Once you've decided **why** you're responding, you can think about **how** to respond—and the sky's the limit. Here are some ideas to get you started, but feel free to get creative!

Short video	Song (original or cover)	Digital art/design
Written statement	Drawing	Poetry
Photos	Painting	Dance/movement

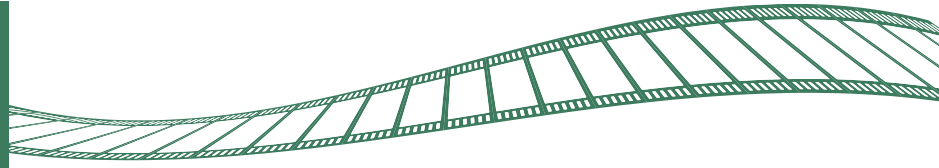
- Choose a medium that inspires you, and focus on explaining why you support OCT's cases and the youth plaintiffs (in general or in a particular case).



CREATE & SHARE

- You can create your project on your own, with members of your Crew, or with friends and family. Everyone is welcome!
- **Note:** Given COVID-19, we ask that you follow health guidelines and consider working virtually if you're collaborating with a group.
- When you're ready, email your creation to Jecca Bowen at jecca@earthguardians.org. We'll proudly feature work from our amazing community on **social media** and at **virtual events and rallies**, and your work will help to build an even stronger community around this important work!

VIDEO TIPS



If you choose to make a video of your project, we suggest you follow these simple guidelines to make sure your video looks and sounds as polished as possible.

CHOOSE THE RIGHT SETTING

- Inside spaces or **very quiet** outside spaces work best.
- If inside, try to record in front of a solid-colored wall or other non-distracting background.
- Find a spot with good natural light and limited to no shadows.

FIGURE OUT A GOOD FILMING SETUP

- You can record on your computer or on your phone—whatever is most comfortable.
- If recording on a **computer** (e.g., via Zoom or desktop video filming software)...
 - Place the computer on a desk or table and use books or a computer stand to elevate it until the video is straight on (e.g., not looking down at you from above or pointing up your nose from below).
 - Center yourself in the frame.
 - Sit 2-3 feet away from the camera.
- If recording on a **phone**...
 - Portrait or landscape mode are both okay—just pick one and stick with it.
 - Avoid shaky-cam footage! Don't just hold your phone out and record in selfie mode. Have someone else record you or, better yet, set/prop up your phone on a stable surface for the recording.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Make sure to silence anything that could make noise during recording (e.g., phones, computers, Apple watches)
- Dress in a way that is semi-formal and authentically you.
- Practice what you want to say in advance, and try to get the video all in one take. If you need to make an edit, start from the beginning of the sentence, not the word.



PRIVACY NOTE

If you're concerned about maintaining privacy or anonymity but still want to make a video, feel free to stay off camera and instead record outdoor scenes and narrate and/or include text over the recording.

ABOUT US



OUR CHILDREN'S TRUST

Our Children's Trust is a non-profit public interest law firm that provides strategic, campaign-based legal services to youth from diverse backgrounds to secure their legal rights to a safe climate. We work to protect the Earth's climate system for present and future generations by representing young people in global legal efforts to secure their binding and enforceable legal rights to a healthy atmosphere and stable climate, based on the best available science.

We support our youth clients and amplify their voices before the third branch of government in a highly strategic legal campaign that includes targeted media, education, and public engagement work to support the youths' legal actions. Our legal work – guided by constitutional, public trust, human rights laws and the laws of nature – aims to ensure systemic and science-based climate recovery planning and remedies at federal, state, and global levels.

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

Email Jecca Bowen at jecca@earthguardians.org



EARTH GUARDIANS

Earth Guardians is an intergenerational organization that inspires, informs, engages and invests in its impactful community of over 300 youth activist crews across the world. We provide the platform, resources and the collaborative opportunities necessary to elevate their voices and strengthen the positive impact they are having in their communities and the world.

Now with thousands of engaged youth on six continents, Earth Guardians has given youth a voice and direction worldwide to become effective leaders and make measurable change in their communities. Earth Guardians continues to develop the resources to build a stronger collaborative network to cultivate and support this large wave of youth engagement.

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