



The
Climate Change Leadership Institute

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Our Children's Trust
Attention Julie Olson, Founder
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Dear Ms. Olson,

We commend Our Children's Trust for the ongoing, distinguished legal representation of young people in their right to a clean and healthful environment and for the collective, unprecedented victory in the Montana courtroom (in *Held v. Montana*) which has inspired other US states as well as international communities to lead accordingly. This milestone could very well be, as you say, "a turning point in this generation's effort to save the planet from the devastating effects of human caused climate chaos."

It is for this sweeping achievement which sprung from long standing and tireless commitment that we proudly present the organization and whole team with CCLI's 2023 Climate Courage Award. As Kian, one of the 16 youth plaintiffs, said after the ruling: "We are heard!" And this is why Our Children's Trust is so deserving of the Climate Courage Award because it is founded on listening to young people and acting on their rightful claims for climate justice.

The Climate Change Leadership Institute (CCLI), which is presenting this award, along with your sea of supporters are moved by your leadership. We not only stand in solidarity with you, we also support the advancement of green amendments in state constitutions and ultimately a green amendment for the United States Constitution.

We thank you and wish you and the young people you represent continued emboldening success.

With gratitude,

Robb Hirsch
Founder and Executive Director