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July 25, 2024

To: Congressional Offices of: Senator Jeff Merkley, Senator Ron Wyden, Representative Val Hoyle, Representative Earl Blumenauer

Senate and House
Washington, DC 20501

Subject: June 2024 Amicus Brief to Ninth Circuit Supporting *Juliana v U.S. Gov* Plaintiffs Request for en banc review And Congressional Children's Fundamental Rights and Climate Recovery Planning Concurrence Resolutions

Dear Senator Jeff Merkley, Senator Ron Wyden, Rep. Val Hoyle and Rep. Earl Blumenauer:

The League of Women Voters of Oregon greatly appreciates your leadership as [signers](#) of the recent [amicus brief supporting Juliana v Gov](#) and as [sponsors](#) of the 2023-2024 Children's Fundamental Rights and Climate Recovery Planning Senate [Concurrent Resolution 13 and House Resolution 56](#).

LWV of Oregon joins [the national League in endorsing the resolution](#). Both Leagues passionately agree with the resolution in addressing "the rights of children, the disproportionate impacts from climate change on youth and the need for a national focused climate recovery planning process." It's very clear we must implement a federal plan based on solid science that ensures ending this century by returning to a stable climate defined as reducing global atmospheric carbon dioxide to below 350 parts per million by the year 2100.

[The Leagues were in the courtroom with the youth](#). In 2016, the LWV of the U.S. and the LWV of Oregon, in joint standing, submitted to the U.S. District Court an [amicus brief](#) in the Juliana case, making the LWVUS the first national organization to do so. The amicus brief uniquely recognized that judicial involvement is necessary to safeguard the fundamental rights of underrepresented individuals when the other branches have failed them. In late 2023 in her *Juliana v. United States* ruling, U.S. District Court Judge Aiken reintroduced as a Constitutional Question. On June 27, 2024, Members of Congress, children's rights scholars, law professors and world-renowned climate experts, once again filed [amicus briefs](#) in support of the *Juliana* youth plaintiffs. The youth plaintiffs are now waiting for the court's decision.

The League of Women Voters of Oregon extends our sincere gratitude for your dedication to serving the interests of all Oregonians including the next generation.

Let us know how we can assist you with this amicus brief and critical resolution.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Lisa Bentson in black ink.

Lisa Bentson
LWVOR President

Handwritten signature of Claudia Keith in black ink.

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