

CPM Files Landmark Case to Protect Our Environment

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On International Youth Day, August 12, CPM filed a landmark constitutional climate change lawsuit on behalf of 21 young people from across the U.S. against the federal government in the U.S. District Court for Oregon. Also acting as a Plaintiff is world-renown climate scientist Dr. James E. Hansen. The Complaint asserts that, in causing climate change, the federal government violated the youngest generation's constitutional rights to life, liberty, property by promoting the development and use of fossil fuels. The Federal Government has known for decades that fossil fuels are destroying the climate system. No less important than in the Civil Rights cases, Plaintiffs seek a court order requiring the President to immediately implement a national plan to decrease atmospheric concentrations of carbon dioxide to a safe level: 350 ppm by the year 2100.

Additional press coverage:

Victoria Barrett Interview <https://vimeo.com/136526396>

Jacob Lebel Interview <https://vimeo.com/136526395>

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