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Montana Youth Plaintiffs Receive Favorable Ruling, Affirms Strength of Green Amendment

Helena, MT -- On Wednesday, August 5, 2021, Montana Judge Kathy Seeley ruled in favor of sixteen youth plaintiffs who are suing the state for its promotion of a fossil fuel-driven energy system as a violation of their constitutional right to a clean and healthful environment. Judge Kathy Seeley denied the state's attempt to dismiss the case, *Held v. State of Montana*, and will allow it to proceed to trial. This decision is a critical victory for constitutional environmental rights and affirms the strength of the Green Amendment in the courts of Montana.

“Every case in which a Green Amendment is used to give power to the people is a victory for the movement. It is critical that the decisionmakers in Montana are giving appropriate consideration to the impact of their decisions on the constitutionally protected environmental rights of the people and that, when they fail to do so, there is a pathway for the people to seek justice when their environmental rights are violated. This is another illustration of the strength and importance of constitutional Green Amendments in the existential battle against climate change, and further proves the need for every state in the country to have these constitutional environmental protections”, said Maya van Rossum, founder of Green Amendments For The Generations.

For more information on the Montana Green Amendment, visit www.forthe generations.org/actnow/montana

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