

Children's Fundamental Rights and Climate Recovery Resolution 2020

Support from Members of Congress

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Original cosponsors to the resolution include:

Senate: Booker, Heinrich, Markey, Murray, Van Hollen, Whitehouse, Wyden

House: Barragan, Bass, Blumenauer, Bonamici, Brownley, Castor, Castro, Chu, Clarke, Cohen, Connolly, Davis, DeFazio, DeGette, Escobar, Espaillat, Gallego, Garcia, Grijalva, Haaland, Hastings, Hayes, Huffman, Jackson Lee, Jayapal, Kennedy, Khanna, Lee, Lowenthal, McCollum, McGovern, Nadler, Napolitano, Neguse, Norton Holmes, Omar, Pingree, Pocan, Raskin, Rush, Sarbanes, Scanlon, Schakowsky, Soto, Speier, Thompson, Tlaib, Vargas, Wasserman Schultz, Welch, Wilson

Additional members of Congress express their support below.

"The *Juliana* plaintiffs and youth climate activists and leaders around this country are leading the charge to safeguard their generation's rights to life, liberty, and prosperity. We cannot let them be the last generation to know a world before complete climate chaos. We have a chance to see system-wide change unlike any that has come before because of this movement of young people demanding action now. I join them in their effort and support for this resolution," says **Senator Markey**.

"As the massive infernos raging across the West make clear, the climate crisis is here and it's putting the health and well-being of Americans and future generations in jeopardy," **Senator Wyden** said. "Our children and grandchildren deserve a future free from fear of a global crisis they had little to do with creating. I applaud these young Oregonians and youth plaintiffs for taking a leadership role and pressing the American government to develop an urgent, comprehensive, science-based plan to address the climate crisis head on and save our planet for future generations."

"Our children and grandchildren stand to be the greatest beneficiaries of the steps we take today to reduce our carbon footprint," said **Senator Whitehouse**. "It's on all of us to take action to leave the next generation a healthy, hospitable planet while the window of opportunity to address climate change is still open."

"Climate change is an existential threat to all of us, but especially to our children – and young people living in communities of color, low income communities and indigenous communities face the highest risks of all," said **Senator Booker**. "I stand with the young people from all around our country who are rising up and demanding that the federal government take bold action to address the climate crisis."

"The impacts of climate change are already harming the everyday lives of Americans – and especially the lives of our children. From natural disasters that uproot families to the increased rates of asthma in younger people, and particularly in communities of color – we cannot turn a blind eye to these and the many other devastating consequences of climate change. Without action, these consequences will only get worse. It's past time for Congress to take meaningful steps to address climate change, and I urge my colleagues to get serious about this threat," said **Senator Van Hollen**.

"Our kids are going to be the ones who feel the impacts of our climate action--or inaction," said **Senator Heinrich**. "We need to heed their urgent calls to address the climate crisis head-on. I am proud to stand with all of the young climate activists who are demanding real action and science-based solutions to the greatest challenge of our generation."

Congresswoman Clarke said, "Our children are our future, yet they are inheriting a planet that through no fault of their own is in the midst of a climate crisis that threatens our very existence. It is the duty of the government to protect its people, and it must perform its duty now by protecting the next generation and putting us on the road to climate recovery. I stand proudly with the *Juliana* plaintiffs and all our youth who are taking a stand for a better tomorrow."

"All Americans, especially our children, have an inalienable right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Fundamental to the exercise of those rights is a climate system capable of sustaining human life and human aspirations for a safe and healthy environment. As the nearly 100 wildfires raging in 12 western states and the ceaseless onslaught of tropical storms attacking on Gulf and Atlantic coasts makes plain, climate change is a very real threat to our way of life," said **Congresswoman Jackson Lee**. "All of us must do our part to meet this threat and that is why as Chair of the Congressional Children's Caucus I am proud to be an original cosponsor of the concurrent resolution introduced by Congresswoman Schakowsky recognizing that the climate crisis is disproportionately affecting the health, economic opportunity, and fundamental rights of children and calling for renewed United States leadership to address the human-caused climate crisis that is disproportionately affecting the health, economic opportunity, and fundamental rights of our Nation's children."

"As climate-driven storms hammer the Southeastern United States and devastating, climate-fueled fires burn across the West, addressing climate change and achieving environmental justice has never been more urgent," said **Congressman Jerrold Nadler**. "I am proud to cosponsor this resolution, which recognizes the disproportional impact of climate crises on the health, economic opportunities, and rights of children. For the sake of future generations, our government must act quickly and decisively to tackle this crisis head-on."

"From the devastating flooding on the Gulf Coast, to the historic fires raging in my district and across the West, it's impossible to ignore the impacts of climate change," said **Congressman Huffman**. "The actions we take today are going to impact every generation after us, and younger generations are stepping up to say enough is enough – it's time to act on climate. It's an honor to work with and support these brilliant young minds that are demanding action through *Juliana v. United States*, because the climate crisis simply cannot wait."

"As wildfires rage across the West, hurricanes pound the Gulf Coast, and extreme temperatures hurt large swaths of the country, the impacts of climate change are confronting all of us here and now," said **Congressman Grijalva**. "Our children are the ones disproportionately suffering, and they're the ones pushing hardest to take the urgent action we need to safeguard our planet. I'm proud to fight alongside them for a climate recovery plan that prioritizes our children's health and a more sustainable future over corporate profits at all costs."

"It is impossible to ignore that we are experiencing a global climate disaster. In California, we are seeing the worst fires in our state's history, which are unquestionably due to climate change," said **Congresswoman Lee**. "Our children, especially Black and Brown children and those living in low-income

communities, are suffering the most. It's time to take action to protect the safety and future of our children by supporting the Children's Fundamental Climate Rights and Recovery Resolution."

Congressman Blumenauer said, "This generation is witnessing the profound impacts of climate change unfold in front of them, from devastating wildfires burning in the West to a record number of hurricanes. In the face of this existential threat, these brave youth are stepping up to mitigate the disproportionate effects that our climate emergency will have on our nation and future generations. They are doing their part to protect the future of our planet. It's past time for the federal government to do the same."

"Our children didn't cause the climate crisis, but they have to live with the consequences. The next generation deserves better than the government's outright denial of climate change as the world changes dramatically around them, putting their life, liberty and dreams at risk. I stand in solidarity with the young people of our nation in calling for urgent climate action. Not next session. Not next year. Now," asserted **Congresswoman Barragan**.

"Global climate change continues to have an enormous and unjust impact on our children as they have been born into a climate system that is hazardous to their health, that they will have to contend with for decades to come, and that infringe on their rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness," said **Congressman Espallat**. "The detrimental impact of climate change on our children's futures is even further disproportionate for children who are part of frontline communities, such as communities of color and indigenous communities. It is critical that Congress not only support the youth climate movement and protect their inalienable rights, but also demand a course of action that restores balance to our planet's climate and ecosystems to enable a more equitable and sustainable future for our children."

"Today's climate crisis isn't waiting for politicians to wake up and take action as it inflicts devastating harm on communities across the country. Our children stand to bear the brunt of the consequences for our failure to lead. They are justifiably angry at our inaction. We need a national strategy NOW to reduce our emissions and address climate change. I'm proud to cosponsor the Children's Fundamental Rights and Climate Recovery Resolution and fight for a more sustainable future for our children," **Congresswoman Jackie Speier** said.

"From the warming waters of the Gulf of Maine to the wildfires on the western coast, we're experiencing country-wide devastation due to climate change. As bad as the climate crisis already is, it will only get worse with time if we refuse to act," said **Congresswoman Pingree**. "I believe it is our duty as elected leaders to preserve our planet for future generations who will be disproportionately impacted by the climate crisis. Leaders across the nation must act with political courage to prevent a climate dystopia that will endanger our children and grandchildren. We must plan for a national climate recovery—for us and for them."

"I constantly worry about the planet our children will inherit if we continue to do nothing to stop climate change. Congressional inaction and executive affirmative actions in creating and sustaining a national energy system that causes climate change robs future generations of a safe, healthy planet where children's fundamental rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are protected. I am proud to cosponsor this resolution as a bold call to action to embrace youth-led climate movements and honor and support their struggle by taking bold, comprehensive federal action to prevent the worst effects of climate change before it's too late," says **Congresswoman Tlaib**.