

Youth in Massachusetts secured a Stunning Win in their climate lawsuit before the MA Supreme Court!

Adding to recent victories in Federal Court, and in Washington state, four youth plaintiffs in Massachusetts, all supported by Our Children's Trust, secured a powerful victory from their Supreme Court in May. In *Kain et al. v. Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection*, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court found that the government failed to comply with its legal obligation to reduce the State's greenhouse gas emissions. The Court ordered the state agency to regulate sources of greenhouse gas emissions and "impose a limit on emissions that may be released . . . and set limits that decline on an annual basis."

Grady McGonagill, leader of the Elders Climate Action Massachusetts Chapter, said "This decision is a double win for the earth's climate. Locally, it requires the Massachusetts government to do what it had balked at doing: make public the steps it is taking to meet the legislatively mandated goals of a 25% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 2020 and an 80% reduction by 2050. Nationally, it's a victory because it is a second precedent—following a [federal court decision in Oregon](#) in April—affirming the right of youth to hold government accountable on behalf of future generations for failing to take adequate action on climate change."