

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE ZERO HOUR PLATFORM

The Zero Hour team prepared this platform after carefully reviewing the **requirements** in the **Children's Climate Lawsuit** against the federal government. The demands of this landmark lawsuit form the basis of our platform because these requirements follow what scientists have told us is necessary to safeguard our future on this planet.

Our platform also specifies the need for climate justice, including equity, racial justice, and economic justice. For example, we include the necessity of protecting and supporting treaty rights because treaty rights are the only truly rigorous laws already in place that protect the land, the water, the wildlife, and the people. Historically, treaty rights have not been enforced or respected due to racism and colonialism. This demands a change. Treaty rights are fundamental to achieving climate justice and climate justice benefits all people, including all races, classes, genders, sexual orientations, religious faiths, and all species. Zero Hour believes that no one should be left behind.

Our platform's demands are mostly directed towards the federal government. However, we want all elected officials at state, county, city and other local levels to use this platform as their guide to take action in the capacities they can. A just transition requires action at local levels that we have outlined in our just transition document.

We have included strict deadlines in this platform because this is Zero Hour. We must take rapid action to protect our future. However, for a just transition to be truly just, it requires time to ensure that we include everyone and leave no one behind. That is why 2040 is our just transition deadline.

These demands are also directed towards the people, because Zero Hour believes that the people cannot wait for elected officials to take action. The people must act and Zero Hour shares this platform as a way for the public to understand what is actually required to protect life and achieve justice on this planet.

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