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### **Maya van Rossum Publishes Second Edition of *The Green Amendment: The People's Fight for a Clean, Safe, and Healthy Environment***

We have reached a critical tipping point in our fight for the environment: corporations profit off climate change, natural disasters devastate homes, BIPOC communities continue to suffer disproportionately from pollution, and the most vulnerable suffer the health effects of pollution. Yet our laws are designed to accommodate this destruction rather than prevent it. Without government support, it's no wonder people feel powerless.

Fortunately, there is a solution. With [\*The Green Amendment: The People's Fight for a Clean, Safe, and Healthy Environment\*](#) (Disruption Books, November 1, 2022, Second Edition), Delaware Riverkeeper and Green Amendments For The Generations Founder Maya K. van Rossum lays the groundwork for an inspirational new agenda promoting environmental constitutionalism—one that will finally empower people, level the playing field, and provide real hope for communities everywhere.

Featuring forewords by **Mark Ruffalo and Kerri Evelyn Harris**, this updated edition of her trailblazing 2017 book invites readers to join the growing movement where our state and federal constitutions make a clean, safe, and healthy environment an enforceable right. Through compelling interviews with activists on the ground, clear evidence from experts, and heartbreaking stories from those hit hardest by environmental ruin, *The Green Amendment* demonstrates how our current U.S. system of environmental protection is failing communities; but then lights a transformational path forward using our constitutions. Under Maya's leadership, the future of constitutional environmentalism is a bright one. In this second edition, she also turns her attention to the often-neglected issues of environmental racism, the climate crisis, the human health devastation caused by environmental degradation, and the importance of protecting future generations from pollution and environmental harm.

*The Green Amendment* seeks to revolutionize the United States system of environmental laws and governance by transforming environmental protection from an unfulfilled promise driven by politics and industry to a constitutionally enforceable RIGHT of the people.

“No matter where you happen to live, I'm here to say that you should dramatically raise your expectations when it comes to the environment,” notes van Rossum in the second edition of *The Green Amendment*, “You have a

right to pure water, clean air, a stable climate, and healthy environments. This right is inherent and inalienable. It belongs to you.”

Praise for *The Green Amendment: The People’s Fight for a Clean, Safe, and Healthy Environment*:

“My sincere hope is that the words written here are read and repeated far and wide, and that its message becomes the basis of a new environmental era. In an age of environmental pessimism, van Rossum gives me hope.”

—**MARK RUFFALO, actor and activist**

“This book will share with you where Maya has gone since the first edition, the stories—sad and joyful, painful and exciting—that are happening in different parts of the country. Hopefully it will inspire you to push for a Green Amendment in your state and join the national movement to make this a federal calling.”

—**KERRI EVELYN HARRIS, community organizer, activist, and leader in the Delaware Green Amendment Movement**

“An optimistic and often enthralling book of advocacy for environmental justice.”

—**KIRKUS REVIEWS**

“Amendments are hard, of course—there’s a lot of corporate power to overcome—but given the stakes, this is surely an idea worth everyone taking very seriously!”

—**BILL MCKIBBEN, author of Radio Free Vermont**

“A rallying cry not only for conservationists and wildlife biologists, but for pediatricians, teachers, psychologists, architects, city planners—everyone who is concerned about the welfare of all species, including human beings. Please read this important book.”

—**RICHARD LOUV, chairman emeritus of the Children & Nature Network and author of Last Child in the Woods and Our Wild Calling**

“The Green Amendment asks us to imagine a world in which the right to pure water and healthy air exist on par with due process and free speech—and then shows us how to make it so.”

—**SANDRA STEINGRABER, PhD, author of Living Downstream and Raising Elijah, recipient of the Rachel Carson Leadership Award, and cofounder of New Yorkers Against Fracking**

“Constitutional protection of natural and human communities may be our best hope for survival.”

—**BRADLEY M. CAMPBELL, President of the Conservation Law Foundation, former Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and former Regional Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**

“The beauty of her work and message is its clarity, simplicity, and the way in which it, in many ways, is dyed into the very fabric of the American Democracy and the American experience . . . . We have an American folk hero in our midst and her name is Maya van Rossum.”

—**EMMY-NOMINATED JOURNALIST STEVE ROGERS, producer of NJTV’s Here’s the Story**

“Read this book and you will be infuriated and inspired. Infuriated because the book drags you through the environmental muck of fracking, pipelines, PFOA . . . But you will be inspired by the notion, transformed into a call for a constitutional amendment, that we, the people, have always had more power than we thought.”

—**A. R. INGRAFFEA, PhD, PE, Dwight C. Baum Professor of Engineering Emeritus and Weiss Presidential Teaching Fellow at Cornell University**

“Maya’s latest book . . . will help expand readers’ knowledge and understanding of what it means to work to protect our fragile environment and the great efforts it takes to gain the political support that reflects the concerns of the majority of the world.”

—**JOANNE FERRARY, State Representative, D-New Mexico 37th District**

“This book is an inspiration and a road map. It empowers individuals to take action to protect our precious air, land, and water. The stories of environmental heroism and the legal protections that all of us deserve make a huge contribution to the environmental movement. It is well-written, engaging, and informative.”

—**ANTOINETTE SEDILLO LOPEZ, State Senator, D-New Mexico**

“This is activism 2.0. Important, timely, and passionate, The Green Amendment will revolutionize the way we approach our work to protect the environment.”

—**GREG VITALI, State Representative, D-Pennsylvania 166th District**

*The Green Amendment: The People’s Fight for a Clean, Safe, and Healthy Environment*  
is available now on Amazon and everywhere books are sold.

100% of the proceeds from the sale of this book benefit [Green Amendments For the Generations](#).

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