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## Statement of Maya van Rossum, Founder of Green Amendments For the Generations, on Successful Passage of Delaware Green Amendment Through House Administration Committee

**Dover, DE:** Today, June 14, 2023, the Delaware House Administration Committee voted to pass the state's proposed Environmental Rights Amendment or a Green Amendment ([HB220](#)) through committee, allowing it to advance through the process of amending the state constitution and enshrining the environmental rights of all Delawarean's. The amendment, as proposed, would create an individual right for all people of the state to: *"a clean and healthy environment, including pure water, clean air, healthy soils, ecologically healthy ecosystems, a livable climate, and to the preservation of the natural, cultural, recreational, scenic and healthful qualities of the environment"*.

The proposed Green Amendment will place environmental rights in the Bill of Rights section of the Delaware constitution, ensuring enforceable individual rights that must be equitably protected by government across communities for present and future generations.

"Delaware is now on the leading edge of the national movement to recognize environmental rights as fundamental, inalienable rights deserving the same highest protection that is currently given to speech, religious, civil and property rights," said **Maya van Rossum, author of the book The Green Amendment and founder of the organization Green Amendments For The Generations**, seeking to inspire constitutional environmental rights nationally. "Passage through the House Administration Committee for the Delaware Green Amendment comes at a pivotal moment in time when the devastating impacts of climate change have become impossible to ignore."

Right now, youth in Montana are getting a full and fair hearing in the courts in the first case where the right to a safe climate is the focus (*Held v. State of Montana*). Montana is one of just three states that have a Green Amendment (including Pennsylvania and New York), and the constitutional environmental right in the state is serving as a key foundation for the case. van Rossum is attending the trial in solidarity with the plaintiffs as the nation's leading expert on constitutional environmental rights.

To learn more about the Delaware Green Amendment movement, visit [www.DEGreenAmendment.org](http://www.DEGreenAmendment.org)

To learn more about the national Green Amendment movement, visit [www.ForTheGenerations.org](http://www.ForTheGenerations.org)

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