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The Delaware Riverkeeper to Appear at Boulder Book Store

“The Green Amendment” Book Talk and Signing Scheduled for January 31

Boulder, CO – Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper, will hold a talk and signing about her book *The Green Amendment: Securing Our Right to a Healthy Environment* on January 31 at Boulder Book Store in Boulder, Colorado.

The Green Amendment outlines the need for constitutional protection of our environmental rights. In 2013, van Rossum and her team won a watershed legal victory that not only protected Pennsylvania communities from ruthless frackers, but breathed legal life into the constitutional right of people in the state to a clean and healthy environment.

Following this victory, van Rossum inaugurated the Green Amendment movement, dedicated to empowering every American community to mobilize for constitutional change. In *The Green Amendment*, van Rossum lays out an inspiring new agenda for environmental advocacy, one that will empower people.

This strategy allows people to recognize that they have a right to pure water, clean air, and a healthy environment, and one that allows people to claim and defend that right in the courts if necessary. *The Green Amendment* includes a powerful forward authored by Mark Ruffalo, which supports the visionary constitutional path advocated for in the book.

Van Rossum has been traveling around the country educating citizens about the need for green amendments and what steps they can take towards advancing a green amendment in their state. While Colorado has language in its constitution referring to the environment, the language provided does not rise to the level of being the kind of Green Amendment needed to truly secure the people’s right to a healthy environment in the state.

“Organizations in Colorado have been pursuing a number of strategies in recent years for securing better protection of the environment, the most recent being a lawsuit to try to give rights to nature. So clearly Colorado recognizes the need for something more, for something better, when it comes to environmental protection. As a result, I believe Colorado would be primed to become just the third state in the nation to recognize environmental rights as inalienable rights and to protect them at this highest legal level. I am

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looking forward to speaking with communities about this concept and hoping to inspire a statewide Green Amendment movement,” stated Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper, and author of *The Green Amendment*.

To learn more about the book, and Maya van Rossum, visit mayavanrossum.green.

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Delaware Riverkeeper Network (DRN) is a nonprofit membership organization working throughout the four states of the Delaware River Watershed including Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and New York. DRN provides effective environmental advocacy, volunteer monitoring programs, stream restoration projects, public education, and legal enforcement of environmental protection laws.