

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To ensure that the National Park Service is fully staffed, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. KELLY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protect our Parks Act
5 of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
9 the Secretary of the Interior.

1 (2) SERVICE.—The term “Service” means the
2 National Park Service.

3 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE STAFFING AND PER-**
4 **SONNEL.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after the
6 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall—

7 (1) take such actions as are necessary—

8 (A) to ensure that the units of the Na-
9 tional Park System are fully staffed to ensure
10 visitor safety and enjoyment at the units of the
11 National Park System; and

12 (B) to ensure that all maintenance staff
13 positions at the Service are filled; and

14 (2) rehire any individuals the employment of
15 which within the Service was terminated during the
16 21-day period ending on February 25, 2025.

17 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
18 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are nec-
19 essary to carry out this section.

20 **SEC. 4. CONTINUATION OF AUTHORIZED NATIONAL PARK**
21 **SERVICE PROJECTS.**

22 The Secretary shall have the authority to continue
23 to carry out any Service project for which funds are au-
24 thorized or appropriated under—

- 1 (1) the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement
- 2 Act (16 U.S.C. 6801 et seq.);
- 3 (2) the Great American Outdoors Act (Public
- 4 Law 116–152; 134 Stat. 682);
- 5 (3) the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
- 6 (Public Law 117–58; 135 Stat. 429); or
- 7 (4) Public Law 117–169 (commonly known as
- 8 the “Inflation Reduction Act of 2022”) (136 Stat.
- 9 1818).