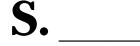
119TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION



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 Act5 of 2025".

6 SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

- 7 In this Act:
- 8 (1) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means
- 9 the Secretary of the Interior.

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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—

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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).