One Year Later, We Still Need Routine Pennsylvania

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Last year, Governor Tom Wolf outlined the workforce Resource Pennsylvania proposed to address critical staffing challenges at the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and other critical state conservation agencies.

One year later, these needs are still there, and still unmet, and getting worse.

Pennsylvania's state conservation agencies are responsible for protecting our state's natural resources, ensuring safe and healthy outdoor recreation, conserving our state's environmental resources, and transitioning our economy to a cleaner, more resilient, and more equitable future. Our agencies are the ones that do this work, and we are the ones that need to be fully staffed to do our jobs.

Unfortunately, we are not. Our agencies are facing a crisis of staffing and resources. Our state's natural resources are being neglected, our state's environmental resources are being damaged, our state's outdoor recreation is being limited, and our state's economy is being hurt because Pennsylvania's agencies are not fully staffed.

Our agencies are the ones that need to be fully staffed to do our jobs. We are the ones who know what we need to do our work, and we are the ones who know what we need to be fully staffed to do our work.

Our agencies are the ones that need routine Pennsylvania. These agencies are the ones that need routine Pennsylvania because routine Pennsylvania is what we need to be fully staffed to do our work.

Routine Pennsylvania means that our agencies have the staff we need to do our work, and that our agencies have the resources we need to do our work. Routine Pennsylvania means that our agencies have the staff we need to do our work, and that our agencies have the resources we need