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## WANTED, STATE EMPLOYEES

Two years ago, Governor **Josh Shapiro** ordered state employees to work in-person at least three days a week. According to Harrisburg business owners and state Senators **Dave Argall** and **Chris Gebhard**, that order is not being followed. In recalling a visit to a cabinet secretary, Argall stated, "I think he was the only one in the building." In response, the Office of Administration said that 65% of workers do not telework, with only 2% of state employees teleworking full-time.

## NEW BLUE

Congratulations to **Janelle Lynch** who recently joined Independence Blue Cross as Government Affairs Director. Previously, Janelle served as Executive Director for the House Appropriations Committee. *Cheers Janelle!*

## THE GREAT AMERICAN GETAWAY

Yesterday, The White House announced that Pennsylvania native **Marc Fogel**, a history teacher, has been released from jail in Russia. Fogel had been detained in Russia since 2021 on charges of drug smuggling after he brought 17 grams of medical marijuana into the country. Special Envoy to President Trump, **Steve Witkoff**, flew to Russia to facilitate Fogel's journey home. It has yet to be announced what Russia was given in exchange for his release.

## HURTS SO GOOD

The City of Philadelphia has officially scheduled a celebratory parade for Friday, February 14, Valentine's Day, honoring the Eagles after their triumph over the AFC Conference Champions in Super Bowl LIX. Festivities begin at the Sports Complex in South Philadelphia and wrap up at the iconic steps of the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Although some wintry weather may arrive earlier in the week, Friday's forecast looks favorable.

## GENERAL WARNING

In addition to receiving calls about your car's extended warranty, be on the lookout for a new cyber scam including alleged PayPal invoices to your email from scammers. To combat the scam, PA Attorney General **Dave Sunday** is reminding Pennsylvanians to validate the email address before taking any action and file a complaint with the Office of Attorney General or contact customer service at PayPal.



## *Happy Birthday*

- State Representative **Kyle Mullins**
- **Mark K. Stine**, Executive VP, PA Automotive Association
- **Chip Marshall**, Of Counsel, Stevens & Lee
- **Susan Hunter**, Staff Accountant, Harrisburg Regional Chamber & CREDC
- **Hannah Fischer**, Deputy Digital Director, Pennsylvania Department of Health
- **Greg Rudder**, Executive Director, State YMCA of Pennsylvania



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