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Democrats question NWS about staffing shortages caused by DOGE firings

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A group of [Democratic](#) lawmakers sharply questioned [National Weather Service](#) leadership Wednesday over the fallout from mass firings in early 2025, warning that the loss of hundreds of forecasters may have jeopardized public safety amid extreme weather in recent months.

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Meng pointed to the employees of the NWS, our meteorologists.



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that "roughly 600 employees, including

She pressed for assistance, warning that staffing shortages could affect public safety, including the loss of lives.

bitrary firings," and the effect on public

Ivey, whose district includes federal weather facilities near Washington, D.C., described the human toll of the layoffs after speaking with affected employees during a protest last year.

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