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Virginia Restaurant, Lodging & Travel Association Hosting Virtual Hospitality Job Fair on May 27

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Richmond, Va. – May 25, 2021 – One year into the pandemic and the industry is facing many challenges, but one of the highest is staffing challenges. As many have found jobs outside of the industry, restaurants, lodging, and entertainment businesses are looking to attract new employees into the industry.

On May 27th, there is a multi-city virtual job fair with hopes to connect job seekers with employers in their community in Charlottesville, Hampton Roads, Richmond, and the Shenandoah Valley. Please encourage job seekers to register here: https://portal.premiervirtual.com/event/register-jobseeker/7711-virginia-restaurant-lodging-travel-association-hiring-event-2021

Right now, 84% of restaurants say current staffing levels are lower than normal and 42% shared they are more than 20% below normal staffing. 91% of restaurants surveyed by the National Restaurant Association except recruiting/retaining employees to be a bigger challenge post-pandemic. More state facts are attached.

Please reply for an interview with a local business owner or Virginia Restaurant, Lodging and Travel Association staff.

The Virginia Restaurant, Lodging & Travel Association is the unified voice of the restaurant, lodging, travel and hospitality suppliers associations. VRLTA creates value for members by promoting the legislative interests of the industry, networking, educational opportunities, and protecting free enterprise. For more information on the VRLTA, visit www.vrlta.org or call 800-552-2225.