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To improve the establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards,
and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. COATS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. HATCH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. WICKER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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 “Clean Air, Strong
5 Economies Act” or the “CASE Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. GROUND-LEVEL OZONE STANDARDS.**

7 Notwithstanding any other provision of law (includ-
8 ing regulations), in promulgating a national primary or

1 secondary ambient air quality standard for ozone, the Ad-
2 ministrator of the Environmental Protection Agency—

3 (1) shall not make final a national primary or
4 secondary ambient air quality standard for ozone
5 that is lower than the standard established under
6 section 50.15 of title 40, Code of Federal Regula-
7 tions (as in effect on January 1, 2015), until at
8 least 85 percent of the counties that were nonattain-
9 ment areas under that standard as of January 30,
10 2015, achieve full compliance with that standard;

11 (2) shall only consider all or part of a county
12 to be a nonattainment area under the standard on
13 the basis of direct air quality monitoring;

14 (3) shall take into consideration feasibility and
15 cost; and

16 (4) shall include in the regulatory impact anal-
17 ysis for the proposed and final rule at least 1 anal-
18 ysis that does not include any calculation of benefits
19 resulting from reducing emissions of any pollutant
20 other than ozone.

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