

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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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

Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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

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

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

12 (3) shall take into consideration feasibility and
13 cost; and

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