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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. McCASKILL 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 “Permanent Guarantee
5 of Sensible Treatment of Farm Dust Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. REGULATION OF NUISANCE DUST PRIMARILY BY**
 2 **STATE, TRIBAL, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.**

3 Part A of title I of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401
 4 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

5 **“SEC. 132. REGULATION OF NUISANCE DUST PRIMARILY BY**
 6 **STATE, TRIBAL, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.**

7 “(a) DEFINITION OF NUISANCE DUST.—In this sec-
 8 tion, the term ‘nuisance dust’ means particulate matter—

9 “(1) generated from natural sources, unpaved
 10 roads, agricultural activities, earth moving, or other
 11 activities typically conducted in rural areas; or

12 “(2) consisting primarily of soil, windblown
 13 dust, or other natural or biological materials, or
 14 some combination of those materials.

15 “(b) APPLICABILITY.—Except as provided in sub-
 16 section (c), this Act does not apply to, and references in
 17 this Act to particulate matter are deemed to exclude, nui-
 18 sance dust.

19 “(c) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (b) does not apply
 20 with respect to any geographical area in which nuisance
 21 dust is not regulated under State, tribal, or local law to
 22 the extent that the Administrator finds that—

23 “(1) nuisance dust (or any subcategory of nui-
 24 sance dust) causes substantial adverse public health
 25 and welfare effects at ambient concentrations; and

1 “(2) the benefits of applying standards and
2 other requirements of this Act to nuisance dust (or
3 such a subcategory of nuisance dust) outweigh the
4 costs (including local and regional economic and em-
5 ployment impacts) of applying those standards and
6 other requirements to nuisance dust (or such a sub-
7 category).”.

8 **SEC. 3. PERMANENT PROHIBITION AGAINST REVISING ANY**
9 **NATIONAL AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARD**
10 **APPLICABLE TO NUISANCE DUST.**

11 After the date of the enactment of this Act, the Ad-
12 ministrators of the Environmental Protection Agency may
13 not propose, finalize, implement, or enforce any regulation
14 revising the national primary ambient air quality standard
15 or the national secondary ambient air quality standard ap-
16 plicable to nuisance dust with an aerodynamic diameter
17 greater than 2.5 micrometers under section 109 of the
18 Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7409).

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