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# S. 2373

To establish a minimum temperature for thermostats at the headquarters of the Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 19, 2023

Ms. ERNST introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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## 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 “Lead by Example Act  
5 of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. THERMOSTATS AT DOE AND EPA HEADQUARTERS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy and the  
8 Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency  
9 shall set all thermostats in the 1 or more buildings com-

1 prising the headquarters of the Department of Energy and  
2 the Environmental Protection Agency, respectively, to not  
3 lower than 78 degrees Fahrenheit when the air condi-  
4 tioning system is in operation.

5 (b) REPORTS.—Not later than 90 days after the date  
6 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Energy and the  
7 Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency  
8 shall each submit to Congress a report describing the tem-  
9 perature at which thermostats have been set in the 1 or  
10 more buildings comprising the headquarters of the De-  
11 partment of Energy and the Environmental Protection  
12 Agency, respectively, during the period beginning on Janu-  
13 ary 20, 2021, and ending on the date of enactment of this  
14 Act.

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