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Chris,

During my lunch break I happened to read about the efficiency standards mentioned in the subject line.

The amount of "red tape" there is in California is appalling. It is hard to imagine the bureaucracy there is just to build a building, even a private structure. Why is it that the state has a right to dictate things like this? The trend I have seen of late is frightening, what kind of light bulb I can use, what type of insulation etc etc. is certainly the product of a nanny state and should have no place in a free country.

I encourage you to consider individual rights and do all in your power to minimize the intrusive nature of these types of laws. In the end they do not help the state or the country but add unnecessary burdens on people. As energy prices increase the free market will ensure that efficiency is a valued design goal. It is not something that the state needs to get involved in.

Each time I read about these types of pending laws I am happy that I chose to leave California **two** years ago. I now live where I can build anything I want on my property without a building permit or approval by those who quite possibly know less than I do about my needs and indeed technology.

Thank you for reading this.

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