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Unless & until the government is paying my entire utility bill I am opposed to any attempt to override my ability to set the temperature in my own home.

Like most of the Californians I know, I have a programmable thermostat – which I program. I keep the temperature of my home well within the recommended guidelines. Occasionally, I do like it cooler than 78° in the summer, but I again, am paying the bill.

If it is truly necessary to install "programmable communicating thermostats" (PCT's) in any homes (and I fail to see how it is), I suggest you start with the homes/residences of those who are on government assistance. (Cynically, I expect that waivers would immediately be granted as it would be considered cruel in some way for that segment of the population.)

I would suggest a more logical place to start would be to require residences to be retrofitted with the current type of programmable thermostat, which communicates only with the individual home's system.

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