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Subject: 2008 Building Energy Efficiency Standards Docket # 07-BSTD-1

Dear Chris Gekas,

Please take action today to stop the implementation of the proposed mandate by the State of California of "Programmable Communicating Thermostats" or PCT. See: 2008 Building Energy Efficiency Standards Docket # 07-BSTD-1.

This mandate would require that all new homes and business install a Thermostat in our private homes that would be controllable by "Big Brother" in State of California!

If this mandate passes, this will be a reality. Image this, you just bought a new home, it's summer, it's 95 degrees outside and you have you're air conditioner set at a comfortable 76 degrees. You are lounging in your living room, you start to sweat and notice that your thermostat is now set at 80 degrees and you never had a choice in the matter. This is because the state government decided to change your thermostat and you CANNOT change it back to 76 degrees! This state mandated thermostat cannot be overridden, you must accept the new degree setting, and you have no choice.

This PCT mandate is an outrage and must be stopped. We live in a society where our government was established on the principle of Personal Rights and Liberties. This proposed mandate for a non-voluntary, non-overrideable home thermostat has gone too far and must be stopped.

I look forward to your response and action in this matter.

Sincerely,
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