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Subject: Docket No. 07-BTSD-1 (Government Control of Home Thermostats)

To Whom it May Concern:

It is my understanding that the government would now like California utilities to control the temperature of new homes and commercial buildings in emergencies with a radio-controlled thermostat, under a proposed state update to building energy efficiency standards. This also likely implies a new government Agency will be established to monitor and control this proposal, or at least new bodies in an existing agency. Something our State does not need with our 15 Billion Dollar deficit.

This new legislation would also mean that Customers could not override the thermostats during "emergency events," according to the proposal, part of a 236-page revision to building standards. The document is scheduled to be considered by the California Energy Commission, a state agency, on Jan. 30. The description in this document does not provide any exception for health or safety concerns. It also does not define what are "emergency events."

I have great concern about this proposal and would absolutely vote against it and any government official that supported it. Not only do I not desire to have the Government having any control inside my Home, I do not believe that the government is competent to properly control such an ability.

I know the new proposal is for "New" construction, but I can see the next step coming once this is in place and I will not allow any external control over my Castle, as modest a castle as it might be.

What the government should be doing is to make sure we have the energy we need in the first place, and let the market place take care of the rest. The proposal is a work around to make up for the governments' lack of allowing the proper infrastructure to be built to support it's citizens, and I as one voter will not tolerate this kind of tactic any more.

When you consider this issue, please consider my concerns and promise to vote down as best I can any official that supports such a proposal... Please work on new power plants.. not work arounds. I am very sure that I am not alone.

With Best Regards,

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