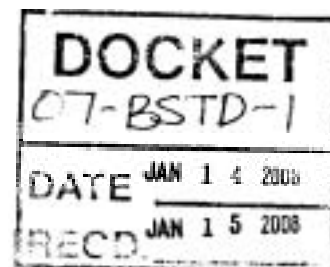


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Good Day,

I heard about a proposed plan to control thermostats in California. Everyone I know who heard about it was astounded! 'Big Brother' was the phrase most commonly used.

We booted Gray Davis because he was inept when it came to solving California's energy problems. Since then, I have been unimpressed with our progress. Arnie was elected to solve the problem. His solution is to change light bulbs and drive lightweight 'eco cars' that will kill more people on the highways. All evidence is that we are in full retreat. We seek to compromise our standard of living rather than rise to the challenge of finding ways to get more energy (without damaging the planet). Where are the nukes? They've been operating safely worldwide for decades, with only two incidents over all that time!

Why haven't we invested wisely in alternative energy? I live in Inyokern. We have the highest insolation in the nation. We should be a sea of solar panels. Yet, we're not. You see remarkably few solar panels. Why? Because it's way too expensive! If I could put in solar for only \$10,000 out-of-pocket, I'd jump at the opportunity! Yet, the allowances and rebates have decreased while the prices remain high.

Sincerely,

Dave Bower

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