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I urge you to do whatever possible to prevent the government from controlling, or monitoring the homeowner's use of energy, whether electrical or from other sources. Government should stay out of the homeowners' castle. No, I'm not a nut. I studied science in the 50's when the Scientific Method was taught and followed. I don't think that carbon dioxide is a pollutant, although it is certainly a greenhouse gas. I don't think that CO2 causes increases in temperature, but rather follows temperature rises which are primarily caused by other sources, not man-made. Governor Schwarzenegger is jumping on the wrong bandwagon in thinking we can conserve our way out of energy problems and make all the problems disappear using solar, hydrogen and windmill alternatives. They help, but, as with ethanol, it's often a losing proposition, since it requires more energy input than it produces. People seeking to lead this charge disregard the costs of doing things. Cooler heads will restrict themselves to common sense alternatives, including nuclear power and clean coal energy production. It's a mistake to think that if the government just subsidizes things, it will be possible to ignore scientific facts. It's kindergarten thinking. Excuse the rant, but there are a lot of us out here to feel this way, and only few have the time or inclination to speak up. Thank you. Eugene Groen, Alameda, CA.