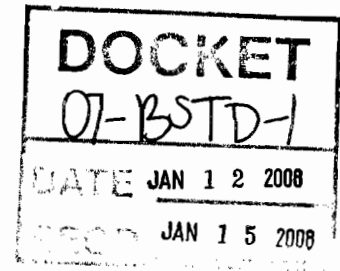


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Subject: Dear Sirs,



Dear Sirs,

This is the first letter I have written to a state agency. I felt compelled to voice my opinion after reading about the proposed regulation by the California Energy Commission. I live in San Mateo, California and actually do not have air conditioning in my house. It is very rare that we would need it in the area I live, maybe 3-4 time per year. But, if I did live in an area that used it routinely, I would not appreciate any state agency telling me I had to suffer at 88* temperature at their command. Frankly, the thought that you are considering controlling peoples comfort is too Orwellian to tolerate.

The power companies have no idea what is going on in individual houses. Elderly people do not tolerate the heat well and is anyone on the commission going through menopause? The men on the Commission may laugh about the menopause comment, but they should know that there is a treatment for prostate cancer that throws them into to full blown menopause and they won't think its that funny when it is them. You are proposing to a general temperature for all when the "all" is not general. What if a child has a high fever and needs a cooler room to help keep their temperature down or if someone has suffered a broken leg or spine and has a cast on. Would you be comfortable in a full body cast a 88* Not everyone is in a cool hospital when they are in a cast. Do you want to force ill people to head for a hospital because they can not tolerate 88* at home and are seeking cooler shelter. I can assure you the hospitals are not going to be happy about having to house ill patients that could be at home recuperating. My child had a broken arm and was completely covered in poison oak once and if it had been 88* he would have suffered 10 times worse than he already was.

I see this as a ploy for the Utility Companies to somehow make money or not to do their jobs, which is to provide electricity to the public. I also think the public will get around their thermostats somehow anyway The ones that will suffer will be the elderly and honest people that would not consider not doing what the government says. There is such a thing as a portable air conditioner that is not regulated by a home thermostat. Do those not take more energy than a energy saving home air conditioner?

I think people do what they can in times of energy crunches, when it is announced to the public. But I do not think you have the right to control our lives when you do not know what is going on in our lives. I will do what I can to stop the government from taking over our individual lives, which seems to be the trend now days. I think we have let the government get out of hand and we need to start voting in people that don't think they own the world and thinking they know what is best for the public. I am a firm believer in individual responsibility. You think the public seems to have forgotten how to be responsible for themselves and the government taking over is not teaching people how to be responsible for their own actions. I will be watching what happens with this matter and continue to make my OWN opinion known to those in power. I may be only one person, but there are a lot of "ones" getting fed up with your controlling attitudes.

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