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Subject: I am very concerned about the remote controlled theromstats

Hello,

My name is Stephanie Soltero and I am a 23 year resident of California. Late last week I heard that the energy commission is considering requiring remote controlled thermostats that can override a consumer's settings. I honestly thought that this news was a farce. However, a few minutes of research on the internet shows that this is truly something the commission is considering. I am writing to ask you to NOT allow this to happen.

I understand that your job is difficult. It seems that the commission has done a decent job these past few decades since the energy use in California has remain flat yet the population has grown. This commission and past has had to make some difficult decisions that have borne good fruit. However, allowing remote access would be a very BAD decision with many BAD consequences. The foremost BAD consequence is the invasion of privacy. It is a clear case of the government overstepping its bounds for it to be able to come into people's houses, albeit remotely, to alter anything. Additionally, the inability to override the remote setting could prove dangerous, even fatal, to people who are elderly or infirm. This is just a BAD idea.

I ask you to please NOT allow this to happen and I would appreciate feedback as to how you plan to vote on this issue.

Respectfully,

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