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Dear Assemblyman Gaines:

According to the January 12, 2008 *San Francisco Chronicle*, a proposal is being considered by state energy officials to require new thermostats in homes and businesses be fitted with technology that would allow utilities to change a building's temperature by remote control.

I implore you to use your office to stop this proposal, or anything akin to it, from being enacted. The reasons for stopping this are as follows:

1. The concept is frankly Un-American. In a country that values life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, the idea of a quasi-governmental body deciding how warm or cool we keep our homes is abhorrent. We need to be particularly vigilant of our personal liberties, being that technology is opening all sorts of ways for intrusion never possible before.
2. The potential unintended consequences are great. We have all seen the fires caused by space heaters in times of cold weather. If this proposal were to go forward, it is only reasonable to predict that more and more people will be using inefficient space heaters and window A/C units to protect themselves at times when their thermostat is overridden.

California's Energy Commission needs to be planning for more carbon free forms of electrical production for the future. More nuclear, wind, and hydro electrical power plants are needed for California, not Big Brother rationing.

Sincerely,

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