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Dear C. Gekas,

I would like to voice my opinion on the State Energy Commissions proposal to install smart thermostats into all new homes and buildings, placing temperature control of these buildings under the Utility's control, and ultimately, the States' control.

I am aware that the utilities currently have voluntary programs where you can have your AC unit shut down in an energy crisis. I believe the San Diego Gas and Electric program that offers energy credits on your bills for voluntarily allowing your AC to be controlled by the utility company in crisis energy periods is a much better solution. Making it mandatory and taking away control of the climate a person keeps in their own home or business is wrong. It is an attack on personal freedom in a persons own living space.

What the energy company may decide is an acceptable temperature in a persons home could cause hardship and suffering to that person. Having a chronic health condition that makes me more sensitive to changes in temperature, I know what my ideal climate is and what the upper and lower limits are. 88 F would be 10 degrees too warm for me to be comfortable in my home under any conditions. It is better to offer a voluntary program and to educate the consumers on ways to conserve energy. Or to make the building industry use better insulation materials. Or offer rebate programs for people to update their homes to more energy efficient ones.

Government seems to think they need to regulate every aspect of our lives because a few individuals cannot follow guidelines or rules that make it easier for all of us. If that is the case, then control or punish those few and not everyone.

Please do not vote for or pass a mandatory thermostat control program for our state.

Sincerely,

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