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To All our Leaders,

California officials are getting ready to change a building code to require all new Calif. Homes and remodels to install a Programmable Communicating Thermostat (PCT) that the utilities will control. The utilities will decide when there is a power emergency and take control of all the thermostats in the homes. Please help us California citizens

Please read: http://www.americanthinker.com/2008/01/who_will_control_your_thermost.html
Do not judge the source, but hear the message.

I believe this idea is not the solution. **American's are citizens, not consumers.** We are capable of making all the right choices and those choices belong to us citizens.

I pray that you do not vote yes on this issue. It will override our freedom to choose. We love our country and California, and we are capable of voting for the right choices. What will happen to all the people who are hooked up to medical machines? How much money are you going to spend of the citizens of California to determine who is who and put this "controlling" idea into play. This money should go to other programs such as our schools and parks. We have such little freedom left, please save what we have, especially in our beautiful state of California.

This is so unbelievable to me that this bill is even being considered. Very sad.

While nowhere in the Bill of Rights is there explicitly a right to set one's own thermostat to whatever temperature one desires (and is able to pay for), the new PCT requirement certainly seems to violate the "a man's home is his castle" common law dictum. It is another step of taking the citizens freedom to choose away. It needs to stop.

Have faith in the American people to choose. Do not let the big energy corporations and contractors sway you or dictate to you what is right. Control is not the answer.

I say this because I do not see homes being built with solar energy, good insulation...why is this not being addressed?

Imagine that homes, of all incomes can be built energy efficient from the start, and they can be. Wouldn't that be nice. Homes would not require so much energy to run and we would not be at the mercy of energy corporations. Home builders should be held accountable from the start.

The price for a home in California is so high and yet the quality of the materials used has not changed much, in fact it is not the even the same quality as 5 or 15 years ago, it has gone down.

An honest real estate broker I met was telling me about how awful she feels selling some of the more expensive homes in the valley, because the construction materials and the way they are "stapled" together is so tacky and they do not use high energy efficient insulation, even though it is available at such a small cost difference. Yet the prices continue to increase. She has since retired. Not often you find someone with a conscience and walks their talk.

I was watching Home and Gardens and they were interviewing folks that have installed solar energy. Their PG&E meters actually went backwards and they have a very low electrical bill, if any since the installation. Are the energy companies too greedy to see the *light*? And now they are persuading our politicians who represent us citizens. Not a bad channel to watch to be informed about saving energy.

Use your God given talents for the good of all. Choose wisely. I pray everyday for you politicians. Please look deep inside of you for the answer and let no man move you from what you feel is truly right for all. God will honor you.

Have faith, not laws.

Yours truly,
Magdalena