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Dear Mr. Gekas:

It is with alarm that I read about the proposal to instal a remote device for home thermostats in an effort to conserve energy. I urge you to consider strategies in keeping with the U.S. Constitution and citizen rights to liberty and privacy.

We constantly talk about the importance of education: why not mount a positive education campaign to enlist voluntary support for energy conservation and reward cities and counties for doing so? The many environmental laws in effect, or to come into effect, already severely narrow choices (light bulbs, smoking bans, trans fat bans, wetlands reserves, prohibition on drilling for oil, to name a few). Also, in view of the fact that developers are given permits to build multiple housing units across this state, the population of which continues to grow, why not consider building nuclear power plants to provide clean energy?

Tax payers rely on elected officials to ensure that Constitutional rights are upheld and that citizens enjoy the fruits of their labor (life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness). I strongly urge you to reconsider this proposal and to work to provide clean, efficient and affordable energy while respecting the rights of California citizens.

Respectfully


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