

January 28, 2008

California Energy Commission Attn: Docket No. 07-BSTD-1 Dockets Office 1516 Ninth Street, MS-4 Sacramento, Ca. 95814

Dear Members of the Commission,

My name is Randy Gray and I have managed Gray's Air Conditioning, Inc for over thirty years. The business was started in 1944 by my great-grandfather and grandfather. My son is the fifth generation in the business. We have always performed our work to the highest standards and purchased all required permits for the work that we perform.

In October of 2005 regulations took effect sponsored by the C.E.C. and the C.S.L.B. regarding testing, sealing, and certification of air conditioning ductwork for remodel and replacement systems. While I feel that these regulations are needed, since they have been enacted there are more inefficient remodel air conditioning systems going in than ever before. People are contracting with dishonest companies who don't buy permits and don't perform testing to save cost. I was told by an employee of the Commission to gather a list if illegal projects and he would see that these dishonest companies were stopped.

By the time that I had returned the list that employee had retired and nobody else there was willing to enforce the regulations that you sponsored with the CSLB. I was told that they were turning the matter over to the CSLB and have heard nothing since.

Now you are proposing what I think is another good idea regarding thermostats with communicating capabilities. However, this will also add additional cost to projects and more work will be funneled to the dishonest companies while the companies like ours who have always worked to the highest standards will go out of business.

Please stop adding expensive requirements <u>unless you are willing to enforce them</u> because all you are doing is making this state less efficient which is exactly the opposite of what you are supposed to be doing.

Because of your lack of enforcement it is beginning to look like you are purposely supporting those who thumb their noses at what you stand for.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Governor Arnold Schwartznegger