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To Whom It May Concern,

I object to the on page 64 rule regarding control of residential thermostats in an "emergency event." While supporters of this rule have claimed it would only be used during times of brown outs or rolling blackouts, it is easy to see how "global warming zealots" in the Governor's office could easily declare an energy event using global warming as a rationale. Global warming is already being used as the rationale for all types of new regulations and restraints.

History is full of instances where seemingly innocent regulations are perverted and extended by government leaders to include situations never considered when written. This rule in its present form is dangerous and oppressive.

Second, this proposed rule makes no provisions for people with special medical needs. For example, I am a kidney transplant recipient and have a suppressed immune system. Maintaining a constant temperature is critical to maintaining my health. Research has shown that viruses survive longer in a cool, dry environment. Thus, a chilly house in the winter time raises my risk of infection. Alternatively, the immunosuppressant drugs that I must take impair my ability to deal with high temperatures in the summertime. A state mandated reduction in air conditioning on a hot day has negative health consequences to me.

In conclusion, I believe that maintenance of an end user override is an essential element and must be included in the final implementation of this rule.

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