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I am strongly opposed to the idea of mandatory smart thermostats. I do think the concept sounds Orwellian and don't think the state should be adjusting people's thermostats. I don't think it fosters energy responsibility or conservation either. I believe people will be less responsible with their thermostat settings because they will think the utility company/state will take care of things if there is a problem. I believe the threat of a rolling blackout is a better incentive to be responsible with energy usage by making accommodations in thermostat settings. In addition, what kind of unforeseen problems will be created when the system malfunctions, someone hacks into it, etc.

Sincerely,
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