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I am absolutely opposed to someone else having control of the thermostat in MY home. I see this is yet another infringement on my civil liberties. I realize that your question centers on air conditioning but I firmly believe that controlling heat is not far behind.

I admit that I have a very small house, no air conditioning and a wall heater (that works very well). I already conserve energy - the heater is never on when I am at work or at night. Yep, it does get pretty cold. I will turn on the heater for a while when I get home (the house is usually about 55 degrees).

Each time my allotted therms are adjusted, I end up the loser because I have been conserving for many years. The thought that someone in some office somewhere will just make a decision to turn off my thermostat or adjust it in any way infuriates me.

How about spending more money on alternative fuels and managing it regionally. Where are the solar power plants instead of the nuclear power plants. I know that I am being naive but I am convinced that we need to go in this direction and stop depending on oil foreign or domestic.

I have to say that when I read the article in the paper SF Chron-my first response was: "have they lost their minds? NO flipping way I would go for this". I didn't really say flipping but you get the idea. I have mentioned this to many other people and their response is the same as mine but who know if they will write to you.