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## Saving Energy, Saving Money: Energy Tips for Residents in the 48th Senate District

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Don't be left out in the cold with high heating bills:

### **Lower the thermostat**

-- For every one degree you set back your thermostat, you can save 1 to 3 percent on your annual heating bill.

-- Turn down your thermostat when you leave your house for two or more hours. It takes less energy to warm a cool house than to maintain a higher temperature all day and night.

-- An automatic setback thermostat can cut heating costs by raising and lowering the temperature at preset times.

### **Keep out the cold**

-- Check for insulation in your attic, walls, ceiling and floors, and install more if possible.

-- Inexpensive weather-stripping around doors and windows can stop cold drafts.

-- Replace cracked windows and use easy-to-install storm window kits to keep out breezes.

-- Close your curtains at night to keep warm air inside.

### **Conserve energy**

-- Turn off lights in empty rooms.

-- Shut off heat to unused rooms.

-- Run major appliances (washers, dryers, dishwashers, pool motors) before 10 a.m. and after 9 p.m.