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ATTN: Dave Walls, Executive Director

Dear Mr. Walls,

I object to the removal of the restriction of the use of PVC & ABS pipes & fittings in hospitals, nursing facilities, & correctional treatment centers.

PVC & ABS are combustible. In a fire the toxic fumes from burning plastic would threaten public safety. Additionally, burning plastic can spread fire quickly. In comparrison, cast iron does not burn or create toxic fumes.

Cast iron pipe & fittings are made from 100% post consumer recycled scrap iron. Plastic is made from virgin resins and is not recyclable.

Protecting public safety and the environment should be the overriding concern of the California building Standard Commission. Please do not remove the restriction of the use of PVC and ABS.

Best Regards,

Al Chang