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Dear Mr. Walls,

I think there should be a reconsideration with removing the restriction on PVC and ABS pipes and fittings in hospitals, nursing facilities, and correctional treatment centers.

PVC and ABS pipes and fittings are hazardous especially during fires due to the toxic fumes being emitted into the air. It is a safety issue that should be taken into consideration. Not only is it dangerous for your health if around the fumes, but also bad for the environment and the ozone layer. For example, plastic burns faster and can spread a fire easy. However, cast iron pipes and fittings will help contain the fire for a longer period of time and will not create toxic fumes.

A good option would be cast iron because it is made from post consumer recycled scrap iron. Plastic, on the other hand, is made from virgin resins which is not recyclable at all. To dispose of plastic

you would have to burn them which is bad for the environment. This just adds to the problem by creating more undisposable waste in the landfills.

The California Building Standards Commission should re-evaluate their decision and make securing the environment and public safety the number one concern.

Please reconsider your decision and do not remove the restriction on PVC and ABS pipes and fittings.

Regards,

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