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California Building Standards Commission
2525 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 130
Sacramento, CA 95833
Attn: Dave Walls, Executive Director

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Dear Mr. Walls,

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

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

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

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

Regards,

Justus W. Samuels,
Concerned Citizen