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Attention: Dave Walls, Executive Director

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In regards to the proposal to remove restrictions of PVC and ABS from the 2010 California Plumbing Code is unacceptable! Cast Iron pipe and fittings are made from 100% recyclable materials. Plastics only fill up our already limited landfill areas. Also, both PVC and ABS are combustible products, which create toxic fumes if a fire did occur. (Remember the 80's MGM fire...possibly more lives would have been saved had they not inhaled toxic fumes from the plastic pipes and fittings in the walls!) There are also limitations when plastic products are installed such as their tolerance of wastewater over 140 degrees. Regular everyday household utilities such as dishwashers run at over 140 degrees, plastic products installed would again compromise the safety of the homeowners or home dwellers in any living situation. Another compromising situation to anyone residing in a plastic used building would be to have to listen to the constantly irritating noise made by plastic products when installed in any dwelling place where people have to listen to the "swishing" sound of water running through the plastic pipes.

I hope you consider the numerous problems that will occur if the restriction of PVC and ABS are removed from the plumbing code for 2010.

Sincerely,
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