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Dear Mr. Walls,

I sincerely hope that you and your commission take the time to analyze the negative effect of removing the restriction of the use of PVC and ABS pipe and fittings in public ~~buildi~~ building such as hospitals.

Public safety and environmental impact should weigh heavily in your decision making. Plastic is ~~much~~ dangerous in a fire, given the toxic fumes and facilitation of fire spreading. Iron is not. Plastic is not eco friendly given that it is petroleum based and non-recyclable. Iron is much more green.

Lastly, California is blessed with a source of iron pipe and fittings made in the state. The environmental impact of transportation is real.

I hope that you consider the full implication of removing the restriction and that you fully understand the logic ~~in the res~~ as to why the restriction was originally adopted!

Thank you for your careful and thoughtful consideration

Regards

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