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Napolitano vetoes abortion restrictions

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PHOENIX -- Gov. Janet Napolitano vetoed two measures today to place some new restrictions on abortions.

The governor rejected House Bill 2263, which would have revamped existing laws that require a minor to get parental consent before terminating a pregnancy.

She also rejected an effort to enact an enforceable state law against "partial birth" abortion.

Cathi Herrod, president of the anti-abortion Center for Arizona Policy blasted the governor's actions.

"Once again, Governor Napolitano has shown how radical she is on the abortion issue," Herrod said.

She was particularly incensed about Napolitano's rejection of a state law to ban partial birth abortions. "The pre-born child is killed in the process of being born," Herrod said.

Napolitano, however, said she saw no reason to subject doctors who are treating pregnant women to more criminal penalties.

Read more later today on StarNet and tomorrow in the Arizona Daily Star.

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