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The Honorable Jim Weiers  
Speaker of the House  
Arizona House of Representatives  
1700 West Washington  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: House Bill 2039; Schools, Multiple Birth Siblings; Classrooms

Dear Speaker Weiers:

Today I vetoed House Bill 2039, the bill that would have enacted into state-wide statute a requirement that all schools in Arizona place twins, triplets and other multiple-birth siblings in the same classroom, if requested by their parents, unless the school district's governing board determines at the end of a grading period that the arrangement is disruptive to the school.

Classroom placement of children and their siblings should be addressed on a case-by-case basis in a decision collaboratively made between educators and parents. Legislative intervention on a state-wide level is unwarranted.

For these and other reasons, I have vetoed House Bill 2039.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet Napolitano".

Janet Napolitano  
Governor

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cc: The Honorable Timothy S. Bee  
The Honorable Mark Anderson