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THE FACTS ON AB 2943

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Because AB 2943 puts spanking with "an implement" into the Penal Code, police, district attorneys, and all mandatory reporters would be trained to view all parents who spank as suspected child abusers.

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PROTECT GOOD PARENTS FROM BEING ARRESTED



AB 2943 is a California bill that would criminalize parents who lovingly and occasionally spank their children to correct misbehavior, using a wooden spoon, little paddle or other implement.

CALL NOW TO STOP AB 2943

Please call Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and your California State Assemblymember and State Senator in Sacramento. **Tell them:** "Oppose AB 2943. This bad bill will arrest good parents who occasionally spank with an implement to correct their child's behavior. Spanking isn't child abuse. There are already laws against real child abuse."

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