



June 6, 2017

The Honorable Reginald B. Jones-Sawyer Sr.
Member, California State Assembly
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0059

Re: **Assembly Bill 1250 (Jones-Sawyer)-Local Agency Service Contracts -OPPOSE**

The Amador County Board of Supervisors unanimously opposes Assembly Bill 1250. There is no other way to say it but this is a horrible piece of legislation that will hurt our ability to offer services to our residents.

You represent California's 59th District in the State Assembly which lies entirely within Los Angeles County. Your biography states that significantly, you have authored or co-authored legislation that has directly benefitted all residents in the 59th District and the state overall. Counties like Los Angeles and San Diego that have already opposed this legislation know it is bad for all counties. You should have spoken to the powers-to-be in LA County before putting the interests of the labor community before the interests of your county residents and the state overall who will endure more cost and regulation from this terrible legislation.

As our Amador County Auditor-Controller Tacy Rouen put it, "There is really not a definition of 'personal services' and the audit requirements will be very expensive, and definitely distort the facts since it won't allow the County overhead costs in comparison with contractor rates. I do not have enough staff to perform these mandatory audits, and I am sure that our departments will be negatively affected by waiting for audit reports in order to proceed. **I think this bill is bad for our County, our local businesses, and ultimately our citizens who would likely lose services.**" If you multiply the effect of this bill by 58, you see the true impact of Auditor-Controller Rouen's statement on the citizens of all 58 counties.

The language in the bill is ambiguous to the point that it will be hard to interpret for our county and the bureaucrats trying to enforce it. AB 1250 applies to current and ordinary contracts performed by our county, so we would need to use precious taxpayer dollars to perform a needless audit after January 2018. Services that are routinely offered to citizens through contracting will be impacted to the point that the services will be discontinued.

Services like child abuse and neglect counselors, health specialists, senior services, and services for people experiencing homelessness would also be affected. When a piece of legislation is drafted for the wrong reasons, in this case at the urging of labor, unintended consequences are the clear result.

This bill also creates onerous new burdens on contracting firms that are defined as “a corporation, partnership, **non-profit organization**, or sole proprietorship.” Is this really going to benefit citizens in your district or across the state?

Your biography shows that you are an honorable person who wants to help people. Amador County asks that you consider the very negative effect of this legislation on our county and others across the state, including Los Angeles County. Governor Brown has been a strong advocate of local control, and if this legislation makes it to his desk for signature, Amador County will advocate strongly for a veto based on the chilling effect this legislation will have on our ability to conduct county business.

Sincerely,



Richard M. Forster

Chairman, Amador County Board of Supervisors

cc: The Honorable Senator Tom Berryhill
The Honorable Assemblyman Frank Bigelow
Rural County Representatives of California
California State Association of Counties