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The Honorable Mike McGuire Chair, Senate Governance and Finance Committee State Capitol Building, Room 408 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator McGuire:

On behalf of Bondurant Enterprises INC. DBA, Probar a Women owned Minority Business enterprise, I write to respectfully request your opposition to AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer). BEI DBA, Probar serves Riverside County Department of Social Services and Provides business support services that aid in facilitating social services to residents throughout Riverside County and we believe private/public partnerships are important to provide high-quality local services and to save taxpayer resources.

AB 1250 would impose a de facto prohibition on counties' abilities to contract with non-profits, like ours, as well as other business and economic development organizations. In doing so, AB 1250 jeopardizes the delivery of vital services that many Californians depend on, including health and social services, public safety and other core functions of counties.

We provide local services that a county either does not have the expertise or internal capability to provide directly. We provide asset management and control services that the county does not have in place to help manage IT assets pertinent to DPSS services. If the county were to implement these procedures internally it would greatly increase the cost to the taxpayer and slow the asset management process and remove third party accountability.

AB 1250 would impose significant new burdens on community based organizations and private sector contractors for the sole purpose of discouraging public/private partnerships. It requires contractors to conduct (at our own expense) extensive audits and requires us to disclose personal information, including the names and hourly rates of our employees and any subcontractors and the compensation rates for those workers —subjecting that information to the California Public Records Act. This raises significant privacy concerns for organizations like ours and our employees.

Restricting counties' abilities to contract for the expertise and most efficient delivery of services could result in decreased access to services or even the elimination of some services outright for our most vulnerable.

There is no legitimate policy problem that AB 1250 seeks to address. We respectfully request that you oppose 1250 when it comes before you in Committee.

Sincerely,

Thomas Looney

Director of Asset Services

Cc: Members, Senate Governance and Finance Committee
The Honorable Reginald Jones-Sawyer, California State Assembly