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June 13, 2017

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

Subject: AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer) - OPPOSE

Dear Senator McGuire,

On behalf of the Butte County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to urge you to oppose AB1250. AB1250 is an attack on services for the most vulnerable in Butte County.

The bill would impose a defacto prohibition on our county's ability to contract with non-profits that are the licensed experts and community based organizations who deliver vital services to California residents. The restrictions AB1250 places on contracting for county services will jeopardize health care, social services, mental health and public safety services across your District and the entire State.

For example in Butte County, we contract for any number of critical services that we either do not have the expertise or the internal staffing capabilities or resources to provide in the most effective manner for our communities. For instance, Butte County contracts to provide counseling and support for victims of violent crimes or abuse, job-training and workforce development, rehabilitation services, facilitation of access to affordable housing, crisis residential services, housing options for youth who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless as a result of crises such as domestic violence or abuse, a variety of adoption support services, coroner's services, and many other critical services provided by the County.

By restricting our county's ability to provide services in the most efficient and cost-effective manner, AB1250 will also increase costs for taxpayers and reduce funding available for other local services. For many vital programs, it will not be a matter of who will provide the service but if they can even be offered at all.

Please protect services for the most vulnerable. Butte County strongly urges you to vote no on AB1250.

Sincerely,



Bill Connelly, Chair
Butte County Board of Supervisors

cc: Members, Butte County Board of Supervisors
The Honorable Jim Nielsen, Member, California State Senate
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