



July 7, 2017

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

RE: Assembly Bill 1250 (Jones-Sawyer). Counties: Contracts for personal services. OPPOSE

Dear Senator McGuire:

On behalf of the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence, I write to respectfully request your opposition to AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer). We are concerned that the bill will adversely impact nonprofit domestic violence organizations and reduce services to vulnerable members of the communities they serve through contracts with counties.

The California Partnership to End Domestic Violence (the Partnership) is California's recognized domestic violence coalition, representing over 1,000 advocates, organizations and allied individuals across the state. Working at the local, state and national levels for nearly 40 years, the Partnership believes that by sharing resources and expertise, advocates and policymakers can end domestic violence. Every day we inspire, inform and connect all those concerned with this issue, because together we're stronger.

Domestic violence service providers contract with counties to provide essential, lifesaving services in their communities. They provide services that the county does not have the expertise nor internal capability to provide directly. Demand for their services is overwhelming: in just one day in 2016, domestic violence organizations provided 5,568 victims and their children.¹ These organizations also rely on the network of other non-profit and private organizations which deliver a range of health, mental health, immigration, and other services that survivors need.

AB 1250 would impose significant new burdens on community based organizations and private sector contractors. 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. These burdensome requirements will drive up unfunded overhead and compliance costs and are likely to result in an end to these contracts, or significant delays that survivors can ill afford.

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. For these reasons, we respectfully request that you oppose 1250 when it comes before you in Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathy Moore".

Kathy Moore
Executive Director

¹ National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV). (2017 May). Domestic Violence Counts 2016: A 24-hour census of domestic violence shelters and services across the United States. Washington, DC. Available at: <http://nnedv.org/downloads/Census/DVCounts2016/California.pdf>
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