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

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

Dear Senator McGuire:

On behalf of the county of Del Norte I am writing to strongly urge you to OPPOSE AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer).

The bill would impose a de facto 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 our residents and your constituents. The restrictions AB 1250 places on contracting for county services will jeopardize health care, social services, mental health and public safety services across your District. The mandatory annual audits could delay service delivery and create gaps in vital programs.

For example in Del Norte County we contract for a 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.

By restricting our county's ability to provide services in the most cost-effective manner, AB 1250 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. Del Norte County strongly urges you to vote no on AB 1250.

Sincerely,

Chris Howard, Chair
Board of Supervisors
Del Norte County, California

cc: Honorable Members, Senate Governance and Finance Committee
Honorable Senator Hertzberg
Honorable Senator Hernandez
Honorable Reggie Jones-Sawyer, California State Assembly
Honorable Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher, California State Assembly
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