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June 12, 2017

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

**Re: AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer) - Counties and Cities: Contracts for Personal Services
OPPOSE – As amended May 30, 2017**

Dear Senator McGuire:

On behalf of the County of Fresno, we must respectfully oppose Assembly Bill (AB) 1250, which severely impacts contracting services for cities and counties. This legislation poses a myriad of problems that will impede local control and governance, thus negatively impacting the residents we serve.

Fresno County takes pride in providing an array of quality services to our constituents both through our dedicated permanent employees and qualified experts or contractors. As strong fiscal stewards of public funds, we seek to deliver excellent services to our constituents in the most efficient and effective manner. The proposed regulations will impede our ability to be flexible in responding to short term-service needs, specialized expertise and other issues that require creative solutions. This legislation would also require significant resources, both financial and staff time, to review and study contracts on an annual basis, detracting from those resources going to the services themselves. In addition, AB 1250 places substantial burdens on local agencies by adding onerous, over prescriptive and unnecessary requirements that will increase costs and reduce local options.

Even with the recent and proposed amendments, AB 1250 establishes onerous pre-condition standards for contracting and ignores indirect overhead costs. It continues to be drafted overly broad without defining key items such as personal services contracts. This creates wide applicability issues, which applies to new and existing contracts to be renewed or extended.

The County appreciates working with local governments and other stakeholders in an effort to address some of the impacts of the bill. However, this measure still places an overwhelming and significant burden on nearly every county department and would create a de facto ban on most contracting services.

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For these reasons, the County of Fresno opposes AB 1250 and requests your "no" vote when the bill is heard before your committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Pacheco".

Brian Pacheco, Chairman
Fresno County Board of Supervisors

cc: Fresno County Board of Supervisors
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