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June 15, 2017

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 – As amended May 30, 2017**

Dear Senator McGuire:

On behalf of the Glenn County Health and Human Services Agency, I am writing to strongly urge you to OPPOSE AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer). AB 1250 is an attack on services for the most vulnerable people in Glenn County.

The bill would impose a de facto prohibition on our county's ability to contract with non-profits, professionals and businesses 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.

For example in rural Glenn 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. For instance, our county has a need to contract for Local Emergency Medical Services (ambulance service), our medical director (MD), and for all in-patient residential care for the mentally ill. In addition, without the ability to contract, Glenn, as a small rural county would not be able to provide adequate vocational training to the unemployed needing new job skills, or provide legal representation to child welfare workers.

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.

The Honorable James Gallagher
June 13, 2017
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Please protect services for the most vulnerable. Glenn County Health and Human Services Agency strongly urges you to vote no on AB 1250.

Sincerely,



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