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The Honorable Reginald Jones-Sawyer
California State Assembly
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1250 – Oppose

Dear Assemblymember Jones-Sawyer:

On behalf of the California District Attorneys Association (CDA A), I regret to inform you that we are opposed to your measure, Assembly Bill 1250. This bill would place significant new burdens on county agencies seeking to contract with nonprofits and private-sector service providers, potentially to the detriment of the very people who rely on existing successful programs and services.

District attorney offices routinely contract for a variety of services including case management systems, mental health evaluations, and diversion programs offered by private operators or community based organizations, which serve offenders facing a variety of mental health and substance abuse issues. While existing law allows counties the flexibility to cost-effectively provide high quality services, AB 1250 makes it more difficult to contract for these important functions. For these reasons, we must respectfully oppose AB 1250.

I greatly appreciate your consideration of our concerns. If you would like to discuss these issues further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Sean Hoffman
Director of Legislation