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

RE: Opposition to Assembly Bill 1250 (Jones-Sawyer), Counties: Contracts for personal services

Dear Senator McGuire:

On behalf of the County of Kings, I am writing to strongly urge you to OPPOSE AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer). AB 1250 is an attack on services for the most vulnerable in Kings County.

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 the state.

For example, in Kings County we contract for a number of critical services that we 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 contracts for health and mental health services in the jail and juvenile center, several programs with community based organizations to assist with reducing recidivism and chronic homelessness as well as contracting out for indigent legal defense services. These are just a few of the services we provide through contract and cannot provide through other methods.

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. Kings County strongly urges you to vote NO on AB 1250.

Sincerely,



Craig Pedersen
Chairman

cc: Honorable Members, Senate Governance and Finance Committee
Honorable Andy Vidak, California State Senator, 14th District
Honorable Rudy Salas, California State Assembly, 32nd District
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