

July 7, 2017

Senator Mike McGuire, Chair
Senate Committee on Governance and Finance
State Capitol Building, Room 5061
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer). Counties: Contracts for personal services -- **OPPOSE**

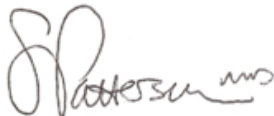
Dear Senator McGuire,

Several physician leaders within the Ventura County Health Care Agency would like to voice our firm opposition and concern over the Assembly Bill 1250 (Jones-Sawyer), which is expected to go before hearing on July 12, 2017.

Assembly Bill 1250 (Jones-Sawyer) removes the ability of local governing boards to authoritatively decide how services are provided to their constituents. Ventura County has 16 contracted Ambulatory Care Clinics located throughout the county providing more than 500,000 clinic visits per year. These visits are to some of the most vulnerable and medically underserved residents of the county. Assembly Bill 1250 (Jones-Sawyer) would seriously impact our ability to provide quality, cost-effective, and comprehensive care to these individuals in a time where our system is already facing severe cuts at the federal level. We believe that the loss of Ventura County's ability to contract out services in a timely manner will result in a significantly negative impact, thereby severely impacting the provision of inpatient, outpatient, and Behavioral Health services throughout the county.

Ventura County deserves a comprehensive health care delivery system that actively promotes the safety and well-being of the community in a fiscally responsible manner. Assembly Bill 1250 (Jones-Sawyer) will not allow us to accomplish this mission. **We vehemently urge a NO vote on AB 1250.**

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stanley Patterson MD". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the last name "Patterson" being the most prominent part.

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