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The Honorable Mike McGuire
Chairman, Senate Governance & Finance Committee
State Capitol, Room 408
Sacramento, Ca 95814

**Re: AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer) Counties: contracts for personal services –
OPPOSE AS AMENDED JUNE 21, 2017**

Dear Chairman McGuire,

On behalf of the Solano County Board of Supervisors, I write to inform you of Solano County's opposition to AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer), which attempts to restrict counties' ability to enter into contracts for essential services.

In this present economy, counties must constantly seek ways to maintain vital services for their residents, while identifying options to keep down costs associated with those services. Often times, the wide ranging and ever-changing requirements placed on local programs and projects make it necessary to seek contracted assistance to bring in mandated expertise. For example, counties retain outside specialists (attorneys, accountants, etc.) because the county lacks the specialized knowledge and experience. AB 1250 would limit a county's ability to hire specialized outside counsel, and then make the county liable for any tort they might commit.

Furthermore, requiring counties to clearly demonstrate that the proposed contract will result in actual overall costs savings could be a source of repetitive and ongoing delays as this justification is prepared and subsequently debated. Adding unnecessary layers of bureaucracy and oversight for operational considerations is not time or cost effective.

Finally, the cost savings "audit" will increase county costs. Although the proposed language dictates these audit costs are to be borne by the vendor, the vendor will simply pass those costs on to counties via their costing methods.

For these reasons, the majority of the Solano County Board of Supervisors voted to oppose AB 1250 and ask that you reject this measure when it is heard before your committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John M. Vasquez".

John M. Vasquez, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

CC:

Members, Senate Governance & Finance Committee
Karen Lange, Legislative Advocate, Shaw / Yoder, Antwih, Inc.