

June 13, 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 county of Tehama 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 Tehama County.

The bill would impose a defacto 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 your District.

For example in Tehama 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

- Safe havens and counseling for children who are victims of sex trafficking
- Shelter, counseling and support for victims of domestic violence
- Foster care and adoption services
- Behavioral health services
- Medical care at our county health clinic
- Job-training and employment support for the unemployed

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. Tehama County strongly urges you to vote **no** on AB 1250.

Sincerely,



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Director of Tehama County Department of Social Services

cc: Honorable Members, Senate Governance and Finance Committee
Honorable Jim Nielsen
Honorable Doug LaMalfa
Honorable Reggie Jones-Sawyer, California State Assembly
Honorable Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher, California State Assembly
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