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The Honorable Mike McGuire
Chair, Senate Governance & Finance Committee
State Capitol Building, Room 5061
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer)
POSITION: OPPOSE
HEARING: July 5, 2017

Dear Senator McGuire and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the California Coalition for Youth (CCY), we write to regrettably oppose Assembly Bill 1250 (Jones-Sawyer). This bill will negatively impact services and supports that counties contract with nonprofits in their community to provide, especially to our most vulnerable youth, foster youth and homeless youth.

CCY is a thirty-five year old grassroots non-profit organization located in Sacramento that, as a statewide coalition, takes positions on and advocates for public policies, programs and services that empower and improve the lives of all California's youth ages 12-24, with a strong focus on disconnected, runaway and homeless youth. CCY represents several hundred youth and community agencies throughout California. Our coalition acts as a voice for youth and young adults by advocating for public policies, programs, and services that respect, empower, and protect the rights of all youth.

The Legislature passed the Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) to improve outcomes for youth in foster care and ensure children are raised in stable, loving homes rather than in institutional settings. This requires a partnership between the public sector and private sector to recruit families and provide supports and services to these youth. AB 1250 would impose significant new burdens on counties and community based organizations for what appears to be strictly discouraging public and private collaboration. We believe there are appropriate times for the use of nonprofits in the delivery of services in the community, and do not believe this bill strikes the balance of protecting public employees and providing critical services to communities.

The bill would require nonprofit contractors to conduct extensive audits at their own expense and to disclose personal information including the names and hourly pay of their employees, subjecting that information to the California Public Records Act. This adds a significant cost burden to nonprofits, and creates a delay in the delivery of services. It also raises significant privacy concerns for our members and their employees, and would have a chilling effect on our members' abilities to recruit and retain qualified staff.



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Unfortunately, we believe it will negatively impact the successful implementation of CCR and fails to strike the balance intended by the Author. For these reasons, we ask that you vote no on AB 1250.

Sincerely,

Kevin McAllister
Executive Director

cc: Members and Staff of the Senate Governance and Finance Committee
Assembly Member Reginald Jones-Sawyer