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The Honorable Reginald Brown-Sawyer, Jr.  
California State Assembly  
California State Capital, Building Room 2117  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer) Counties and Cities, contract for personal services: OPPOSE

Dear Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer:

Centro La Familia Advocacy Services must respectfully oppose Assembly Bill 1250 (AB 1250), which would establish specific standards for the use of personal services contracts by cities and counties. Ultimately the bill would limit the ability of counties and cities to contract out for services with external organizations, including non-profit organizations. We believe this would hinder services provided to the most vulnerable Californians by non-profit organizations in our 58 counties.

AB1250 claims that it will increase transparency in local government contracting, but it is predicted that it will add unnecessary layers of bureaucracy and oversight for operational considerations that should be left to local county governments. Fresno's local governments have established checks and balance systems in place and this bill would create unnecessary red-tape and most importantly does not improve the basic services local governments can provide.

Centro La Familia Advocacy Services is a trusted non-profit organization that has a strong relationship of operating programs and services with Fresno City and Fresno County funding; services that are crucial to community members. Often times, local organizations are the best avenue to provide intervention and preventions services; having greater impact with public dollars. Non-profits already operate with very tight budgets and creating additional hurdles to these funds would impede our ability to serving families; reducing or eliminating resources that families need and deserve!

It is our belief that California's local government leaders should be free to find the best services for the best price. For the reasons stated above, Centro La Familia Advocacy Services is in opposition to AB 1250.

Respectfully,

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Executive Director