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The Honorable Mike McGuire
Chair, Senate Governance and Finance Committee
State Capitol Building, Room 408
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Dear Senator McGuire:

On behalf of David & Margaret Youth and Family Services (D&M), I am writing to respectfully request your opposition to AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer). D&M serves many constituencies including but not limited to children who are dependents of the court; probation wards; transitional age youth (TAY), youth with issues in substance abuse, violence, Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC), and or mental health; families of youth at risk of being placed out of their home; foster youth; youth ready for adoption; etc. in southern California but we also have placements from other counties in northern California. We deeply believe, and evidence based practices reveal that private/public partnerships are important to provide high-quality local services and to save taxpayer resources.

AB 1250 would impose a de facto prohibition on counties' abilities to contract with non-profits, like ours, as well as other business and economic development organizations. In doing so, AB 1250 jeopardizes the delivery of vital services that many Californians depend on, including health and social services, public safety and other core functions of counties.

We provide local services that a county either does not have the expertise or internal capability to provide directly (see the list above and include certification of relatives and/or foster homes for placements, that we provide for several counties, and placement in apartments for transitional age youth with case management services). This bill threatens our ability to continue to provide these services to our communities.

AB 1250 would impose significant new burdens on community based organizations and private sector contractors for the sole purpose of discouraging public/private partnerships. It requires contractors to conduct (at our own expense) extensive audits and requires us to disclose personal information, including the names and hourly rates of our employees and any subcontractors and the compensation rates for those workers – subjecting that information to the California Public Records Act. This raises significant privacy concerns for organizations like ours and our employees.

Restricting counties' abilities to contract for the expertise and most efficient delivery of services could result in decreased access to services or even the elimination of some services outright for our most vulnerable clients. There is no legitimate policy problem that AB 1250 seeks to address. We respectfully request that you oppose 1250 when it comes before you in Committee.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Members, Senate Governance and Finance Committee
The Honorable Reginald Jones-Sawyer, California State Assembly

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