



FAMILY CARE NETWORK, INC.

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

June 26, 2017

Dear Senator McGuire:

On behalf of the Family Care Network, Inc. (FCNI), I write to respectfully request your opposition to AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer). FCNI serves over 1800 children, youth and families impacted by trauma annually in San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties and we believe 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, including (but not limited to) Intensive Services Foster Care, Emergency Shelter Care, Wraparound, Therapeutic Behavioral Services, Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Housing Services, Homeless Support Program for homeless families, as well as mentoring and education services.

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.

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,

Jim Roberts, CEO

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