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

Dear Senator McGuire:

I am writing to respectfully request your opposition to AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer). Olive Crest serves over 1,450 abused children and families in crisis every year in Riverside County. We provide them safety and stability, along with the tools and education they need to break the cycle of abuse. Our public/private partnership with the county is paramount in providing these high-quality services and fulfills a tremendous need.

AB 1250 would not just impose a minor limitation, but prohibit the county's ability to contract with nonprofits such as ours. We provide local services that the county either does not have the expertise or internal capability to provide directly. Services that include foster care and recruitment, adoption services, wraparound services for families, residential care and counseling for probation youth, transitional housing and life skills program for aged-out foster youth. The county values and relies on the critical services that we provide.

AB 1250 would impose significant new burdens on community-based organizations and private sector contractors. 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 would very likely result in decreased access to services or even the elimination of some services outright for our most vulnerable. We respectfully request that you oppose 1250 when it comes before you in Committee.

Sincerely,

Tracy Fitzsimmons

Executive Director – Inland and Desert Communities

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