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

Dear Senator McGuire:

On behalf of Operation SafeHouse I am writing to request your opposition to **AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer)**. Operation SafeHouse serves the needs of runaway and homeless youth and victims of human trafficking in Riverside County. As an agency that has been around since 1990 we recognize and respect the value of public/private partnerships. We have repeatedly seen that the public/private partnership is one of the best ways to provide high-quality local services while greatly saving 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. AB 1250 would **seriously** jeopardize the ability to provide services to the youth and families we serve.

We provide local services that a county either does not have the expertise or internal capability to provide directly. SafeHouse provides group home services to young women who have been victims of human trafficking, emergency shelter services to runaway and homeless youth, transitional living programs to homeless young adults and a variety of mental health services. SafeHouse provides up to 80 beds nightly to our most vulnerable citizens.

AB 1250 would impose onerous burdens on non-profit organizations such as Operation SafeHouse. As a partner with Riverside County for several projects we recognize that our county is already very judicious with the contracts that are provided. We provide them with monthly reports, audited financial statements, detailed expense journals as well as frequent meetings and phone calls to make sure that the service delivery and money management is up to the high standards of Riverside County.

AB 1250 would impose significant new burdens on our agency and for so many in the non-profit sector. It is not an overstatement to say that the reporting requirements would probably put us out of business. Restricting counties' abilities to contract for the expertise and most efficient delivery of services would seriously impact the quality of life in our county. And for seemingly no legitimate reason except to add another layer of unnecessary reporting and busy work.

This bill, if passed, would seriously affect the quality of life in Riverside County and impact our ability to continue to provide services. **We respectfully request that you oppose 1250 when it comes before you in committee.**

Sincerely,

Kathy McAdara

Executive Director, Operation SafeHouse

c.c. Members, Senate Governance and Finance Committee

The Honorable Reginald Jones-Sawyer, California State Assembly