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

**Re: Assembly Bill 1250 (Jones-Sawyer). Counties: Contracts for personal services.
OPPOSE – As amended May 30, 2017**

Dear Senator McGuire:

On behalf of the county of the County of Lake, we are writing to strongly urge you to OPPOSE AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer). AB 1250 is an attack on services for the most vulnerable in our County, and throughout the state.

This bill would impose a defacto prohibition on our county's ability to contract with non-profits that are the licensed experts and community based organizations who deliver vital services to our residents and your constituents. The restrictions AB 1250 places on contracting for county services will jeopardize health care, social services, mental health and public safety services across your District.

As you are well aware, Lake County has recently suffered a number of disasters, from the Valley Fire in 2015 to flooding in early 2017. Your enduring support has been critical to ensure those impacted can hope to be whole once again.

You are also aware that the effects of these disasters continue to reverberate in our communities, in many ways. Given our long-term economic difficulties, and our recent need to devote a significant portion of our budget to recovery, we have struggled to recruit and retain quality staff. It is therefore essential to contract for a number of critical services that we do not have the expertise or internal staffing capacity or resources to effectively provide in our communities. Maintaining an efficient and transparent process for contracting is vital to our effort to meet basic needs for many of Lake County's most vulnerable.

By restricting our county's ability to provide services in the most cost-effective manner, AB 1250 will also increase costs for taxpayers and reduce funding available for other local services. For many vital programs, it will not be a matter of who will provide the service but if they can even be offered at all.

Please protect services for the most vulnerable. The Lake County Board of Supervisors strongly urges you to vote no on AB 1250.

Sincerely,

Jeff Smith, Chair, Board of Supervisors

cc: Honorable Members, Senate Governance and Finance Committee
Honorable Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, California State Assembly
Honorable Reggie Jones-Sawyer, California State Assembly
Honorable Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher, California State Assembly
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