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The Honorable Reggie Jones-Sawyer
State Capitol
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RE: OPPOSE - Assembly Bill 1250 (Jones-Sawyer); Auditing of County Contracts, as amended.

Dear Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer:

On behalf of the Napa County Board of Supervisors, I respectfully inform you that we unanimously oppose Assembly Bill (AB) 1250 as amended on May 30, 2017, which would inhibit a county's ability to award service contracts and efficiently manage its operations and budgetary affairs.

AB 1250 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 throughout Napa County.

By restricting our county's ability to provide services in the most 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.

While we appreciate your intent to protect government jobs, taking away the flexibility of a county or city to most efficiently utilize taxpayer dollars is counterproductive. Further, simply shifting audit requirements and costs from the local agency to the contractor will not result in more services being provided by local agency employees. It means counties will offer fewer services if they can still be offered at all.

For these reasons, the Board unanimously opposes AB 1250.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Belia Ramos".

Belia Ramos
Chair, Napa County Board of Supervisors

cc: Senator Bill Dodd
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