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## Proposed ordinance before the BOS

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**Re:** Proposed County Ordinance – Elder and Dependent Adult Protection & Home Care Registry

Dear Supervisors:

I am writing in response to the proposed hearing regarding the above EDC Ordinance to be heard and discussed on Tuesday, June 10, 2014. A state law was passed last fall that addresses this issue. You may recall that I sent you each a letter regarding this proposed ordinance in July 2013 before the passage of California AB 1217.

AB 1217, Lowenthal was passed by the California Legislature and chaptered into law on 10/13/13. Implementation is scheduled for January 1, 2015 with responsibility for this legislation given to California Department of Social Services (DSS).

services to older adults. In my opinion, these safeguards should include anyone in a position to take advantage of an older adult who is depending on this person for assistance. This includes any referral lists kept by individuals or departments and IHSS providers who currently are exempt from this newest law (and I believe, your proposed ordinance).

Page 1. Paragraph 8. Proposed El Dorado county ordinance.

“The perpetrators of crimes against elder and dependent adults are frequently persons the elder or dependent adult know and trusts, including persons who are employed to perform home services or in-home services.”

*According to the National Center on Elder Abuse Administration on Aging, the follow statistic more accurately defines abusers of older adults:*

**“In the national study that attempted to define the scope of elder abuse, the vast majority of abusers were family members (approximately 90%), most often adult children, spouses, partners, and others.”**

Generations, Journal of the American Society on Aging, Fall 2012.

AB 1217 addresses many of the issues the proposed county ordinance is suggesting. Until the regulations are published by Department of Social Services – State of California, it is unclear to what level this law will reach.

I would respectfully request this proposed ordinance be tabled until such time that implementation of AB 1217 is in place at this time scheduled for 1/1/2015. At that time, it may be appropriate to address those concerns not addressed in this law that affect the vulnerabilities of all older adults in El Dorado County who may be taken advantage of by a person who is working privately “under the table”, from a list received from a Senior Center, working from a referral agency who consider these caregivers independent contractors, IHSS providers who give support to the indigent and Medi-Cal/SSI eligible in the county and by home care agency employees who may or may not be abiding by the current federal and state laws. Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

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