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June 20, 2017

Honorable Reginald Byron Jones-Sawyer, Sr.
Member, California State Assembly
State Capitol Building, Room 2117
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: Assembly Bill 1250 (Jones-Sawyer) - Notice of Opposition

Dear Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer:

El Dorado County must respectfully oppose Assembly Bill 1250, legislation imposing onerous and unnecessary requirements on our county, and would severely restrict our ability to contract for services. The legislation will undoubtedly increase costs and reduce opportunities to meet the service delivery needs for our residents. AB 1250 would likely result in a reduction in services to County residents.

El Dorado County has taken steps recently to consolidate, regionalize, and reduce administrative inefficiencies in our service delivery, and to work towards efficient delivery of services. AB 1250 would impose new inefficient burdens on all areas of our agency - - and inefficient processes increase costs.

AB 1250 provides that counties may only enter into a personal service contract that is valued at more than \$100,000 if the Board of Supervisors "clearly demonstrates" that the contract will result in actual cost savings according to specific cost-benefit analysis standards. However, counties are expressly prohibited from taking into account savings that could result from the contract through use of equipment, like specialty vehicles, or materials provided. AB 1250 could restrict necessary contacting based on an incomplete analysis.

In addition, although counties are not directly responsible for the cost of conducting the analysis, the requirement to have such an analysis conducted will still hurt our ability to maximize services because contractors will pass the new analysis costs on to counties.

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These are the primary reasons why El Dorado County is opposed to AB 1250. If you should have any questions about our position, please contact Don Ashton, Chief Administrative Officer, at (530) 621-5530 or don.ashton@edcgov.us.

Sincerely,

Shiva Frentzen
Second District Supervisor
Chair, Board of Supervisors

cc: The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher, California State Assembly
The Honorable Ted Gaines, California State Senate
The Honorable Frank Bigelow, California State Assembly