

# Senior Services Coalition of Alameda County

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

July 6, 2017

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

Dear Senator McGuire:

On behalf of the Senior Services Coalition of Alameda County, I am writing to strongly urge you to OPPOSE AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer). AB 1250 is an attack on services for community members in Alameda County.

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

For example, Alameda County contracts for critical services that they either do not have the expertise or the internal staffing capabilities or resources to provide in the most effective and efficient manner for our communities. Our county contracts with community-based organizations to serve well over 65,000 older adults with services like job-training and employment support, legal support services for grandparents caring for grandchildren, health benefits navigation, case management and chronic disease self-management training, homeless outreach and case management, emergency shelters and warming centers, fall prevention and many other preventive and supportive services that keep older Alameda County residents safe and well.

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. Our coalition and its 40 member organizations strongly urge you to vote no on AB 1250.

Sincerely,



Wendy Peterson, Director, Senior Services Coalition of Alameda County

cc: Honorable Members, Senate Governance and Finance Committee]  
Honorable Nancy Skinner, California Senate  
Honorable Bob Wieckowski, California Senate  
Honorable Reggie Jones-Sawyer, California State Assembly  
Honorable Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher, California State Assembly  
California State Association of Counties

