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The Honorable Ricardo Lara, Chair  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
State Capitol, Room 2206  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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**RE: HOAC Opposes Assembly Bill 1250 (Jones-Sawyer)**

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Dear Senator Lara:

Eric G. Handler, MD, MPH  
Secretary  
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The Health Officers Association of California (HOAC), which represents the physician health officers of California's sixty-one city and county jurisdictions, respectfully opposes AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer). This bill would hinder a county's ability to contract for the provision of vital public services. The health officers are concerned that the restrictions imposed by AB 1250 would limit a county's ability to partner with experts in the public sector to better provide highly-specialized healthcare and public health services.

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Public-private partnerships should not be discouraged, as they are often essential to a county's ability to meet the needs of its residents. The provision of highly-specialized services requires an abundance of expertise. However, many counties cannot meet these workforce needs alone. As such, counties must rely on public-private partnerships to acquire a specialized workforce. This is especially true in the field of public health nursing, where AB 1250 would have a burdensome impact. Counties need the flexibility to contract for an array of public services when it is not feasible or cost-effective for them to do so directly.

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HOAC is dedicated to promoting practices that improve the health of California's residents and must oppose AB 1250. Should you have any questions regarding our position on this matter, I invite you to contact me at your earliest convenience.

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Sincerely,

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cc: The Honorable Reginald Jones-Sawyer

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