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The Honorable Ricardo Lara
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 5050
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer): Counties: contracts for personal services
As amended on June 21, 2017 – OPPOSE
Set for Suspense File Hearing September 1, 2017 – Senate Appropriations Committee**

Dear Senator Lara:

The Emergency Medical Services Administrators Association of California (EMSAAC) and the Emergency Medical Directors Association of California (EMDAC) are opposed to AB 1250, introduced by Assembly Member Reginald Jones-Sawyer, Sr., which would impose unnecessary costs and restrictions on counties and their local emergency medical services agencies to enter into contracts and agreements with physicians, surgeons, and other emergency medical services providers.

Local EMS agencies routinely and regularly contract with physicians and surgeons to serve as the medical directors of local EMS systems. This allows local EMS agencies to retain physicians with substantial experience and expertise in emergency medicine to provide the leadership needed to guide the delivery of prehospital emergency medical care to the millions of Californians experiencing acute illness and injury every year. The unimpeded ability for local EMS agencies to contract with physicians and surgeons is as essential to patient survival as rapid transport to cardiac and trauma centers. It is for these reasons we opposed AB 1250 and respectfully urge your 'No' vote on the measure.

EMSAAC represents the 33 local emergency medical services (EMS) agency administrators representing all of California's 58 counties. The mission of the Emergency Medical Directors Association of California, Inc. (EMDAC) is to provide leadership and expert opinion in the medical oversight, direction and coordination of Emergency Medical Services for the people of the State of California.

If you should have any questions, please contact EMSAAC's Legislative Chair Dan Burch at (209) 468-6818.

Sincerely,

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Marianne Gausche-Hill, MD
EMDAC President

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