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I support SB 1516A. I believe it would help protect the Asian-American community in Oregon from what appears to be an organized burglary operation targeting them. It would also help protect the general public from the loss and trauma of home incursions, since the same burglary rings could easily focus their attention on any of us.

My wife and I were burglary victims many years ago when we lived in Texas. I well remember how frightening it was to return home from work and find that our back door had been kicked in and our house ransacked, with our television, CD player, antique clock, jewelry, and art objects all gone. The local police did an amazing job of identifying and arresting the burglar plus recovering most of our stolen items. The burglar, a repeat offender, was not granted bail; he was sent to prison for five years.

Please advance this sensible legislation so that judges can take flight risk into account when determining whether to release burglary suspects on bail.