

March 1, 2026

Dear Members of the House Rules Committee,

I urge you to approve Senate Bill 1516A for a floor vote before the House. I am a Chinese-American resident and property owner in Eugene, Oregon, and I've lived and worked in Lane County since 1997. My husband grew up here since the 70's, and we have raised our family here. It is distressing to know that there have been dozens of burglaries targeting the homes of small business owners in the Asian American and Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander (AANHPI) community.

I am outraged that some criminals, who have been caught for these crimes, have been released and have fled the area after posting bail because they were released pending trial. This deprives the targeted victims of the opportunity to seek accountability through the criminal justice system. Law enforcement has found connections to organized crime. If this bill is passed, an experienced judge can consider flight risk, potential of extreme danger to the community, and criminal history when rendering a decision on pretrial release of a defendant on a case-by-case basis. SB 1516A would help ensure that defendants are not released, only to flee and avoid facing a trial.

I am active in my community, and I've spoken to many who are terrified of being victimized by these crime rings. We must pass laws that discourage them from operating in Oregon. If they can escape trial over and over again, then they will be emboldened to expand their criminal activity targeting all Oregonians. My neighbors and I would like to feel that the laws of our state protect the AANHPI community as well as all Oregon residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela M. Quan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pamela M. Quan
Eugene Resident