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I am writing to you because I support SB 1516A. I do not understand all the complicated parts of the law, but I understand what is happening to the Asian community here in Eugene.

in my culture, we work hard so our children can have a better life. But lately, I see my son's face when he comes home from the restaurant at night. He is not just tired from work. He is checking the locks three times.

These burglars—they are not just stealing "things." They are stealing our sleep. They watch us. They know when we are at the restaurant and when the house is empty. They treat our homes like they are their own shops to walk into. My friends are afraid to go to the grocery store or to the temple because they think, "Will someone be in my bedroom when I get back?"

It breaks my heart to hear that when these people are caught, they are sometimes let go right away. My son tells me they are "flight risks"—that they leave and never come back to face a judge. To an old woman like me, that does not feel like a system that cares about us.

If a person is part of a group that travels around just to hurt families like mine, why are they allowed to walk out the door the next day? It makes the criminals feel brave and it makes the victims feel invisible.

SB 1516A is important because it lets a judge look at the person standing in front of them and say, "This person is a danger," or "This person will run away." * We need to feel safe again. I want to be able to sit on my porch without wondering if someone is watching me.

If the law does not stop these organized groups, then who will protect us? I know that a community is only good if the people in it feel safe. Please, support this bill.

Thank you for listening.