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Statement of Concern from the Oregon Bioscience Association opposing the violence and hate against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

Oregon Bio stands with our Asian American members, friends, colleagues, instructors and trade partners in opposing the violence, racially-motivated attacks, discrimination and aggression directed at them. According to the National Asian Pacific American Caucus of State Legislators, nearly 3,800 anti-Asian incidents, mostly attacks against women and elderly, were reported in the U.S. last year. This cannot continue.

Oregon Bio also spoke candidly last summer about supporting the Black Lives Matter movement. We find ourselves again speaking out to call out targeted attacks against Asian Americans. We know that this form of racism/xenophobia and differences in race, cultures, ethnicities, can lead to health disparities, lowered access to health care and services, and socio-economic impacts.

We are fortunate we have active Asian American leaders and industry experts in our region's bioscience industry, and in leadership at Oregon Bio. We look to them and to our collaborative partners to gain access to the Pacific Rim to strengthen trade opportunities and policy, to develop economic opportunities and business connections, and to support intellectual property and innovation. The Asia-Pacific region is vital to the United States culturally, academically and economically.

The fight to root out racism and racial injustice continues and each of us must be part of the solution. #stopaapihate #learnournames #lifescienceleadership

Sincerely,

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