



OREGON ATTORNEY GENERAL ELLEN ROSENBLUM'S STEERING COMMITTEE AGAINST HATE CRIMES

In Oregon, every person has the right to equal protection under the law – and to live free from violence and discrimination.

To target and stigmatize China for the outbreak and world-wide spread of the COVID-19 pandemic creates an inexcusable risk of harm to all Asians, as well as to those perceived as Asian.

COVID-19 has increasingly been inappropriately referred to as an Asian disease, along with other blatantly incorrect descriptions. Oregon’s Asian, Asian-American, and Pacific Islander communities, and those perceived as Asian, have, as a direct result of such misinformation, increasingly experienced stigma, xenophobia and discrimination. Asian communities around the country have reported hundreds of acts of aggression and violence, such as being spit on, coughed at, physically attacked, and assaulted.

We, the undersigned, resolutely denounce all COVID-19 misnaming, blaming and harassment. We find reprehensible any language or course of action that casts blame, promotes racism or discrimination, or harms the Asian immigrant, Asian-American, and Pacific Islander community.

And we, the undersigned, stand together, calling upon all Oregonians to call attention to these harms, and to support the inalienable rights of our Asian, Asian-American and Pacific Islander communities across the state, who must always be treated with respect and must remain safe during this unprecedented pandemic that affects us all.

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