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Statement of Roger Bergman, Chair
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, April 13, 2021
Roger A. Bergman, Chairperson
Matthew R. Fenske, Vice-Chairperson

The Asian American community has experienced a disturbing acceleration in anti-Asian violence, racism, and discrimination. Asian Americans have increasingly been targeted in senseless and violent acts of verbal and physical assault and are subjected to discrimination that undermines their value and sense of belonging.

This behavior is racist, demeaning, frightening and unsafe to those who must endure it. On behalf of the Board of Commissioners and Ottawa County government, we abhor this behavior. We stand in unity with our Asian American residents, neighbors and friends and call for an end to these destructive acts. Ottawa County endeavors through its vision of *WHERE YOU BELONG* to be the place where all know that they belong regardless of their racial or other differences.

Roger A. Bergman

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roger A. Bergman".

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