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Hello Shutesbury,

With the recent violent incidents across the country targeting our Asian population, the Shutesbury Police Department wanted to take the opportunity to show our support for our fellow Asian community members locally and throughout our Nation that may be feeling in fear of hate, discrimination, and violence.

Our community's diversity should be celebrated. We have a responsibility to stand up and condemn hatred and bigotry. We all work to keep communication open and expand conversation to both unite and enrich our community.

The Shutesbury Police Department has worked to build and wants to continue building relationships and identifying our community's needs so that we have a deep community relationship that fosters dialog.

I invite our Asian community members and all community members to reach out to me for conversation and understanding. My goal is to create a place for all to meet with me regarding any concerns, including those concerns of safety and discrimination.

We will continue to do our jobs to ensure Shutesbury is a community where everyone feels safe, accepted and where the diversity of all is embraced.

Kristin Burgess

Officer in Charge

Shutesbury Police Department