

As a public health professional, it is worrying - to say the least - to think of the cumulative impact the use of tear gas has had, is having, and will have on Portland's population. It is not only something that will adversely (most research shows) affect protestors who exercised constitutionally protested actions, but has also had deleterious affects on the general surrounding population where chemical incapacitants were used. It is very worrying that state sanctioned chemical violence against protestors is having the doubly negative impact of seeping into unknowing people's homes. We cannot let the current situation be seen as tolerable any longer. I firmly support this bill and the ability for private citizens to finally have some kind of recourse to keep actors accountable for their behavior. I would suggest going further and adopting something similar to Colorado's Enhance Law Enforcement Integrity Act which would end qualified immunity at the state level.