



THE COTTONWOOD SCHOOL
— OF CIVICS AND SCIENCE —

February 3, 2021

Chair and members of the committee:

I am Amanda McAdoo, Executive Director of The Cottonwood School of Civics & Science. We are a K-8 public charter school authorized by the Oregon Department of Education. Cottonwood's approach focuses on "place-based" education, centering our students in their city, landscape, and community. I am writing to you in support of HB 2928.

Our public school is located next to the ICE Facility in Portland on SW Macadam.

We are extremely concerned about the chemical weapons being used for crowd dispersal at protests night after night, right outside our fence. We regularly find pellets, pepper balls and munitions in our playard. Lately, we have watched videos of our playard engulfed in dense clouds of tear gas. We are currently having soil tests done at a local lab to further understand the depth of our concern.

I urge you to vote yes on HB 2928 to protect our children and our larger community. Chemical weapons have indirect as well as direct consequences and have no place in a civil society.

Sincerely,

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