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HB 2928, passed last year, provides communities an important shield from the use of chemical weapons and less than lethal munitions. Ones that law enforcement agencies have been quick to use to brutalize the very neighborhoods we live in.

No manner of de-escalation, training, or appeals to basic human decency have been able to dissuade the rampant use of chemical weapons against our communities which now poison schoolyards, forced children at home to don gas masks, and have left communities scared of the extent that police are willing to brutalize our neighbors.

The law affords, in my view only basic protections, which should have been in place long ago and part of the decision making process for LEOs to go through before deploying weapons of war.

Tearing away these basic protections, fought and won for last year, will return us to a place where law enforcement will continue to leverage their immense ability to brutalize protestors. It will remove the community's ability to hold agencies accountable for their abuses.

You did the right thing the first time.

Don't allow HB 4131 to pass.

Protect us from weapons of war and the mindset that only through violence can we build better communities.