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Measure: HB4131

Vote no on HB4131.

The Portland Police tear gassed me dozens of times as I peacefully stood on the sidewalk as an ACLU legal observer. I've videoed the Rapid Response Team set dozens of black masked cops to beat Portlanders with batons, knock them to the sidewalk, break noses, break heads. If the police broadcast a 'warning', it's unintelligible. The police block their names and badge numbers. The complaint process is almost useless.

The UN bans tear gas as a chemical weapon in wartime. Tear gas is banned by the Geneva Protocols since 1925. Tear gas lung damage is even worse during covid. We citizens pay big tax dollars in police overtime. The Portland Police are trained to attack us 'dirty hippies', 'civilians', almost 'enemy combatants'. I'm tired of paying out \$100,000's of dollars, year after year, in settlements to dead and injured Portlanders.

Violent Proud Boys, breaking windows, and setting fire to the Justice Center disgust me as much as anyone else. The Portland Police responded quickly and courteously when I called 911 about an unrelated issue. I'm 73, a union member for decades. Vote 'no' on HB4131. It damages our hard-won First Amendment 'right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for the redress of grievances'.