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Mike, Portland: Tear gas and less lethal munitions do terrible damage to the people they are used on. Tear gas is an indiscriminate weapon. It does not care who it gets or why. Using tear gas is accepting that innocent people are being attacked. This should only happen in the most dire of cases. It's use should be severely restricted.

Police should have deescalation tools, instead of the ability to just decide when they want to tear gas whole groups of people. This law came into play because police were over using tear gas. There have been no changes made by police to determine how they use tear gas. They are just asking to have the ability to use it at will again.

Reducing restrictions serves the police and harms the people. Laws should not be designed to harm people.