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Sarah, Portland: The use of violence to suppress peaceful protestors is a human rights violation. Tear gas and munitions should only be used under the most extreme circumstances. Loosening restrictions on hazardous and potentially fatal uses of force against protestors will only strengthen state sanctioned violence against the BIPOC community. It will lead to a vaster misdirection of resources away from social services that could actually help solve the problems that are at the root of the protesting and toward the empowerment of a police force that is rooted in the violence of slavery and that unreformed perpetuates violence against BIPOC and poverty stricken populations.