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Community member 8, Portland: While I stand with everyone fighting for racial justice and civil liberties, I was not protesting the night I was severely exposed to tear gas. Anyone in the nearby area was affected. It cost me over \$100 to clean it out of my car while I was trying to get through my college semester. Even after repeatedly cleaning everything I owned I could not breathe deeply without coughing for three months. I developed asthma. The outdoor activities I used to enjoy became much more strenuous. My period cramps became debilitating. And I developed what is suspected to be a mast cell disorder in my throat, that now makes eating most fruits and vegetables life threatening without medications. It's been more than a year and none of these show signs of lessening. These chemical weapons are not safe. The extent of their long term effects is not fully known. They have been deployed indiscriminately and frequently cause permanent physical damage. I will be living with the health effects of chemical weapons for the rest of my life.