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As a voting citizen of Portland, I strongly oppose weakening any restrictions of use of "certain crowd control measures". The use of gas by the Portland Police Bureau on protestors was often indiscriminate, heavy-handed, and contained no foresight into areas being affected ( i.e. a school playground, occupied residential structures).

The chemicals used are proven to disrupt human hormonal functions. Using these chemical weapons damages any attempt for the Portland citizens to see the police bureau as a department striving to protect and serve. Using these chemical weapons erodes trust in Mayor Wheeler and in the belief that the Portland Police Bureau is not striving to be more like a militaristic force.

I support the amendment for stronger protections submitted by civil rights activists in HB-4131-3.