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On Behalf Of:  
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I am opposed to the City of Portland's base bill HB4131 that weakens use of tear gas and other munitions for police. Throughout 2020 Portland police used these munitions indiscriminately. These munitions are deadly and do great harm to the people they are used on and the communities around them. These munitions don't target individuals but entire neighborhoods get covered in the gas. Innocent people will always be tear gassed any time it is used. This is not acceptable. The use of these types of munitions should only happen in the most dire of cases and then only with the most stringent of rules and restrictions. Tear gas is a chemical weapon, it should be treated as such.

I do support the stronger protections submitted by civil right organizations in HB4131-3. Peoples civil rights need to be protected and should be be easy to violate.  
thank you