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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure: HB4131

I oppose the City of Portland's base bill in HB 4131 - weakening the restrictions on police use of tear gas & munition weapons against protestors & street medics. I support the amendment for stronger protections submitted by civil rights advocates in HB 4131-3. The wording in this bill is horrific. It essentially says, "use of these materials is prohibited unless police feel like it." Police have declared a riot at protests that were not riots. Over and over and over. For a party that supposedly cares about liberty and limiting the powers of the state (all bill sponsors are Republican)- this law is utterly Orwellian. You should be ashamed of yourselves.