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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure: HB4131

I'm writing to voice my opposition to the City of Portland's base bill in HB 4131, weakening restrictions on police use of tear gas & munition weapons against protestors & street medics. Tear gas is both unnecessary and unhelpful, as it is not creating a safer environment for first amendment rights (or even the police in those situations) nor is it creating safer communities. The negative impacts are so well documented that it is not allowed in international spaces, so it is beyond reason that it would be allowed in neighborhood streets, on school play yards, and in our waterways.

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