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I do not support changing the rules in regard to police usage of chemical weapons for large crowds/demonstrations. People, citizens of the United States, practicing their 1st amendment rights do not deserve to be confronted with weapons that have been banned for use in war. Furthermore, chemical weapons have far reaching impacts that go beyond effecting individuals that cops wish to disperse. On multiple occasions people entirely not involved in 1st amendment demonstrations have been negatively effected by the use of chemical weapons. The smoke has contaminated homes, and caused much distress for children and elderly individuals. Just a reminder, these children and elderly individuals are being distressed by weapons banned for use in warzones. Despite the actual impacts of chemical weapons being used in our streets, I think it's currently incredibly inappropriate to give the Portland Police any extra power or leeway in how they treat the people of Portland. They have repeatedly shown everyone capable of critical thought that they believe themselves above the law and see themselves as an occupying force to be feared, not a police department interested in striving to protect, serve, or better the lives of Portlanders.

Please, for the love of the citizens of Portland, don't allow the Portland Police any extra leeway, or power in their use of chemical weapons. They have proven repeatedly they can not handle the responsibility.

Thank you,

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