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I am writing to you today on HB 4131. I want to say I am in favor of this bill because the modifications would help limit the excessive force that police have implemented in Oregon over the last 9 years I have lived here. I have watch them tear gas crowds that were mourning, at vigils, in neighborhoods that were next to schools and NO violent or riots were taking place. I have watch officers shoot canisters at protestors heads, faces, limbs in ways that severely injured the person. One individual has had continued head trauma issues due to a canister being shot into the back of his skull. No one should be using tear gas, no one should be shooting rubber bullets into crowds, we need to outlaw these outdated harmful pieces of equipment and remove them from the police forces arsenals. While these modifications will help put in place a process on police using these crowd control weapons, there is no trust in the police force to still follow these steps before using these weapons on a crowd. We need to remove these "crowd control" weapons from a power hungry militarized force that no longer holds the value of protect and serve the PEOPLE as its core value.