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On Behalf Of:
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Measure: HB4131

I strongly oppose allowing the Portland police to use tear gas again. I live on the East side, in inner SE, approximately 1 mile from the Willamette River. During the 2020 protests downtown, I would regularly walk outside and have my eyes burn, and I soon realized that this was due to the massive amounts of tear gas being used downtown - more than a mile and a half from where I live. Also, a couple of times my eyes burned and my throat became irritated in my own house - again due to the use of vast quantities of tear gas. As a result, I consider police use of tear gas to be a serious public health hazard, and hope you will not reauthorize its use.