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On Behalf Of: HB 4131-3
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HB4131

Respectfully to this Oregon Legislature House Committee, I submit support for House Bill 4131-3. Protestors' human rights are violated when policing resorts to use of impact munitions, tear gas, and other weapons against them, weapons which can and often do cause great physical harm and psychological trauma.

Of course policing agencies and even city governments want such weapons in their arsenals. It is not only to control crowds, but to control speech. When government tell us where we can practice free speech, and how we can express free speech, there is no free speech. The people rely on the legislature to protect our rights because the police resort to violating our rights in the name of keeping the peace. This is not peace. It is not public safety. It is silencing. It discourages 65 year old women like myself from being part of protests because we fear, not other protestors, but the police! Please do your part, in this legislative body, to continue supporting protestors' human rights. Thank you.

Please note that I DO NOT SUPPORT HB 4131-5 and HB 4131-6 in any way, shape, form, and I ask that you also NOT SUPPORT HB 4131-5 and HB 4131-6.