

Hello,

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen living in Portland. It has been almost two months since the original protests started up and since then we have only seen an increase in the use of tear gas and violent means to suppress the rights of citizens hoping to make a positive change in their community. It is appalling that our Mayor continues to use thinly veiled white supremacist sympathizing rhetoric when describing the "violence" on our streets...violence that is perpetuated and maintained by the Portland Police Bureau AND THE FEDERAL AGENTS THAT HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO ENTER OUR CITY AND SUPPRESS THOSE FIGHTING FOR EQUALITY. I know that as a City and I have to believe as a state we are better than this. Since the protests began we are the leading City in incidents of police brutality even when compared to City's that have 5 - 10 times the population of Portland. Please take the concerns of your communities seriously and please stop the needless harm of those hoping for a more equitable system.

Sincerely,

A Concerned Citizen (Rudy Roquemore)