

To the city of brutalizers justifying their abuse,

I am writing to you today to talk to you about the use of tear gas used by law enforcement. I am not sure how you can spend so much money on equipment to protect your bodies, your face, your head, your hands and then fire into an unprotected crowd. Chemical burns, lung issues, head injuries have all been the outcome to your force, You wear your equipment and fire into an unprepared crowd that is nothing like a riot. You need to define what a riot means, not once have I seen the crowd pushing the line or threatening officers in full riot gear. Animal feed is not going to hurt you through your riot gear, spray paint is not going to hurt you through your riot gear, water bottles are not going to hurt you through your riot gear. You are equipped while firing onto those who are left without eye protection or padding, firing at eye level or at peoples feet. Firing so many canisters it fills the streets so even those trying to escape the area are harmed. I watched a video of you rip a banner out of a group's hands and then open fire with pepper ball rounds on them as they were walking away, and then YOU declared it a riot as they were walking away! The group was only trying to march by the union to Chapman square. Tear gassing a whole neighborhood and even pushing a resident of the area who was outside her home. We have a right to gather and feed our community, we have a right to gather and speak up about the injustices happening in our community. You are not a part of the community, and your violent actions are only causing harm. Tear gas should not be used on the crowd at all, and your constant use of it even after the law was changed shows that you have no care for the community.

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***Sincerely,***

*Glenna V. Hayes*