

Hello,

My name is Camden Mckone and over the last couple of months I have seen constant examples of the police using excessive force to break up what they call "riots."

These "riots" have been nothing more than a large crowd of angry people yelling things that the police don't like, shining laser pointers, and the occasional half empty water bottle thrown in the general direction. If this excessive force is what the police use for these absolutely non violent protests, I am terrified to know how they would react in the case of an actual riot. The pessimist in me assumes many lives would be lost.

But I digress, the point of this email is to demand that police in Oregon be held accountable before anything extreme happens.

The people of Portland demand an actual end to tear gas, not this half measure of rules that has no effect on its use.

The people of Portland demand an end to chokeholds in all but absolute last resort situations, and for this to be fairly enforced.

The people of Portland demand an end to qualified immunity for all police officers. There is no reason they should not be held to a higher standard as servants of the public, and as of now they are actually held to a much lower standard.

The people of Portland also demand that the Oregon police rules of engagement be updated to require officers to exhaust all other means before using deadly force.

Lastly, the people of Portland demand that the bloated funding of police across the state be repurposed in ways actually beneficial to us all, rather than paying for uniformed gangsters that want to play cops and robbers.

I understand the risks of a sudden cut of large amounts of police, but a structured multi-year plan of cutting police funding while reinvesting in currently over-policed communities solves that risk.

I look forward to the better Oregon we will all be building together over the next few years.

Thank you.

- Camden Mckone