

Hello,

I am writing to urge the banning of tear gas use by law enforcement. I believe that tear gas can have extremely harmful, sometimes permanent effects, and it is shameful that this weapon be used against civilians under any circumstance.

To see tear used in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic is especially devastating, since the respiratory damage it can cause would weaken one's ability to fight this disease.

We have seen that law enforcement has arbitrarily made decisions in determining what is categorized as a riot, using tear gas against peaceful groups who are simply exercising their right to protest without posing any safety threat.

This must stop. Please consider this request to ban law enforcement's use of tear gas.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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