

Hello,

I'm a 15 year resident of Portland. I love this city - but it's become a city of riots. We are now well over 40 days of constant riots, looting, and destruction of public and private property. Every year the summer riot season just gets worse and longer.

Most of this violence is not performed by the large, community lead peaceful protests. Instead, it's anarchists - anarchists that infiltrate protests and openly state their desire to destroy our Democratic system and replace it with Marxism and CHOP-like states. They have already attempted to set up autonomous areas multiple times this summer.

They have openly and publicly stated their goals are to 'kill police' and get the police defunded so they can instigate their political agendas - with the same violence they have unleashed on our city for over a decade now and demonstrated at CHOP in Seattle. A zone that ended in the deaths of 4 people in just a few weeks - deaths that included people of color! If you do nothing, they will turn Portland into a burned husk, leave citizens to defend themselves, and then come after you in the houses of power next. That is their stated goal.

The direct proof of this is any building that has been spray painted by them. Downtown is FULL of spray painted anarchist symbols, buildings marked for looting and destruction, and death threats. THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE and is NOT DEMOCRATIC CHANGE.

Our city and state has done almost nothing to stop these nightly riots - and then they play political games of distancing themselves from the very police forces that keep them from burning our government buildings down! When calling out of state friends and family, they ask if they've burned my house down yet. Oregon is increasingly seen as a joke - not a bastion of forward thinking.

Therefore, as a 22 year Oregon resident, and 15 year Portland resident - I do not support ANY effort to curtail police tear gas use or any other measures to limit police force use until you GET THESE NIGHTLY RIOTS UNDER CONTROL.

FIX THIS - before citizens start having to defend their own property and they come for the state legislature next. This is not going away - and it's time you all did your jobs of defending our Democratic way of life.

Concerned citizen,

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