

To Oregon State Leadership.

Dear Leaders:

Please ban the use of tear gas on protestors and any civilian activity as soon as possible. Peaceful protests, sit ins, marches, demonstrations and other acts of civil disobedience need to be kept safe to ensure the people can speak truth to power. Police and other authorities have many tools in their tool kits to “control” the public. The use of tear gas in the time of a pandemic is really not called for.

If you cannot support a ban for eternity, consider a 12 month ban and evaluate the efficacy of the use of other methods without the use of tear gas.

We simply won't know if there are other strategies available until we remove what has become a crutch for police crowd control: tear gas.

Sincerely,

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Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing and rightdoing, there is a field. I'll meet you there...in that field. Rumi