

Chair Bynum and Chair Manning and members of the committee,

My name is Katy Drawhorn, and I live in Portland, where it is clear that the police department is a racist system. Thank you for drafting this bill. I want to speak to LC742. The use of teargas needs to be banned as a method of crowd control, as do rubber bullets. They have been used on peaceful crowds every night for two months. These methods are not only toxic, they are not effective in de-escalating the crowd.

Thank you,
Katy Drawhorn