

My name is Annelise Kelly.

I've lived and worked in SE Portland for 22 years.

I am emailing you about police brutality, tear gas, projectiles; about officers concealing their identification; about chokeholds and strangulation by the police.

I've seen plenty of protests and protest footage. The police are over-reacting with violence against peaceful people for the most part. I've seen crowds cooperate and disperse, only to be chased and beaten. These officers should be fired and prosecuted.

If protesters are breaking the law, the police should arrest them. Until their arrestee responds with violence or resistance, there is NO justification for any physical abuse or restraint. Again and again, I see the police brutalize and then abandon people. Clearly the police agenda is NOT to stop lawlessness. It is NOT to keep the peace. Their motive appears to be an effort to intimidate.

The police claim a riot when people are simply exercising their right to assembly.

Is it any wonder people don't trust the police? Is it any wonder that these protests have been going on for 70 days, and have been going on around the world? The people can recognize brutality, racism and authoritarianism, and they will protest until the system changes.

Warm regards,

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