

Dear Joint Task Force On Policing Reform,

I am a physician who advises Legal Observers--who have been subjected to metal containing tear gas, unknown chemicals, deafness inducing flash bangs,

and quote "non-lethal" bullets, I get nightly reports graphically demonstrating how much Oregon needs to, MUST immediately, this September in this session, pass 0017, 0018, 0019, & 0020. I have seen over & over again that police use these methods to intimidate protesters, not to protect property or lives.

Certain police officers have been shown to be particularly violent--to both Legal Observers & to medics. We do also have a few instances of police being helpful: nobody, no institution is all bad or all good. So we need laws to assure that those who want to PEACEFULLY protest-- both racial injustice, and police

brutality itself, are not repeatedly brutalized by these very police in the name of law & order.

As a member of Physicians for Human Rights, I also have seen the terrible environmental impact of all these tear gas chemicals washing over downtown Portland, as well as in neighborhoods around police buildings and parks. These neighborhoods should not be punished, when other methods of crowd containment can be effective.

THANK YOU

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