

24 June 2020

Co-Chair Courtney & Co. Chair Kotek,
Vice Chair Girard & Vice Chair Drazen & Members of the Committee
Joint Committee on First Special Session Committee
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

Re: House Bill 4208

Dear Co-Chair Courtney, Co-Chair Kotek, Vice Chair Drazen, Vice Chair Girard and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in **Non-support** of House Bill 4208, in particular, the limitation being placed for law enforcement regarding less than lethal tools for crowd control. I was trained by military and law enforcement in non-lethal. I have been tear gassed in training exercises. Tear gas is used for crowd control and is non-lethal means of force. Long range acoustic devices or sound cannons were developed by the military for crowd control. Governor Cuomo used this means of non-lethal use of force in New York. (He borrowed the devices from the military). Cruise ships have used acoustic devices to ward of pirates on the high seas. It is a non - lethal method of crowd control. If you take away tear gas and acoustic sound then you are leaving only 1 method of crowd control is man to man. The legislature doesn't want to stop riots and have crowd control. I have included pictures of my friends business in Portland that was smashed by vandals in the recent protests. Portland Police could have used a long range acoustic device or a sound cannon. The real emergency is the violent protests, vandalism, and possible loss of life. It is a gross misuse of the Emergency session.



Respectfully,

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