

We absolutely must regulate the use of chemical incapacitants, kinetic impact projectiles and sound devices by law enforcement agencies.

It is an abomination that citizens of Portland are experiencing chemical warfare by the police officers that are supposed to be serving and protecting them. Inflicting tear gas (or other chemical weapons) on entire groups of people, who are largely peaceful, and their neighborhoods is reprehensible. As a mental health therapist, I am very concerned that many innocent and peaceful people are dealing with symptoms of Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome. I am also incredibly concerned about the damage that these chemical weapons cause to our bodies, our animals and our planet. Please think about your kids and your pets and how these loud noises, projectiles and chemical incapacitants would affect them if this happened on your street.

When these methods are used, the harm to people in the neighborhoods and peaceful people engaging in legal protest significantly outweighs the harm that these methods are used to address.

Thank you for your time and your consideration,  
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