

For the record, I am Marc Poris, he/him, resident of Northeast Portland.

Please do not roll back any protections that community members have from being harmed by law enforcement use of "less lethal" munitions and tear gas.

If you choose to pass HB 4131, please do so ONLY with the inclusion of amendment -3.

Ideally, HB 4131 will not make it out of committee. Please pass HB 4008 with amendment -8 in its place.

Law enforcement in Oregon needs to have fewer uses of force available to them. They need to learn how to de-escalate with their words.

Here is some food for thought regarding the use of tear gas and "less lethal" munitions. All of these are cases where police abused community members with tools that they should not have access to.

Donavan La Bella was [shot in the face with a rubber bullet \(ie. "impact munition"\)](#) while peacefully protesting and holding up a boom box. You can also [watch the video](#).

The Cottonwood School's [playground was contaminated with "crowd control munitions"](#) fired by federal law enforcement.

In 2018, Aaron Cantu was moving away from police when he was [shot in the back of the head](#) by a City of Portland employee (Portland Police) with a flash-bang grenade. Somehow this only cost the city \$125,000 in settlement fees.

Elijah Warren's home was filled with tear gas deployed by Portland Police. When he went to discuss this with the police, [he was hit in the head and concussed by a PPB officer](#).

Tear gas is banned in war ... it should be banned for use by police. [See how PPB uses tear gas?](#)

Dmitri Stoyanoff was [pepper sprayed in the face by PPB officer Justin Damerville](#) for holding up a "Vote Register Here" sign. Please watch [Mr. Stoyanoff's attorney's presentation](#) to Portland City Council during the session where his settlement was approved.

Respectfully,

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