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The Portland Police's injudicious and irresponsible use of tear gas in the name of crowd control and public safety has, in the past, amounted to chemical warfare against the citizens of portland. These crowd control agents don't only effect those of us exercising our first amendment rights. They seep into homes and cause harm to residents, including children and animals, who have nothing to do with the protests. The long term effects of these gasses are not well understood. We know they can cause damage to the eyes and lungs, and to womens' reproductive system. Please, do not authorize the PPB to employ tear gas or other chemical crowd control measures