

Dear Rules Committee,

Thank you for allowing time today for my testimony and thank you to the ACLU of Oregon for advocating for an issue that is so dear to me and that I and my family have been impacted by.

My name is Andre Miller and I come to you today representing myself in my personal capacity as an activist and advocate for marginalized communities and against police brutality.

The murders of Black people by police officers across the Nation is an issue that not only impacts those communities but all people and especially ones of color.

The days after the murder of George Floyd my family and I decided that we were

going to participate in marches and protests in solidarity to express our first ammendment right. What we did not know is that by expressing our right we were going to be met with unlawful use of force and exposed to chemical weapons.

My family has been traumatized by not only the exposure of chemical weapons but also how we became the targets of how those weapons were used.

I was shot in the face with a tear gas canister on July 22nd that caused me significant injury. I will forever live with that pain as well as the scar on my face. It is unlawful to use these weapons for crowd control on people exercising their rights and it is even more unlawful to use them in a way that aims for people's heads. If it was not for street medics that attended to

me I could have died. It took one hour for paramedics to feel comfortable to come into the area where street medics brought me to.

I am here today to advocate for a ban that does not allow officers to use tear gas as a crowd control tactic. I not only am a survivor of an attack that could have killed me but being exposed to these chemicals caused me to an eating disorder, brain cloudiness and not to mention any long term implications that can come about from being exposed to these chemicals.

Thank you for listening to my testimony and it is my hope that by listening to these testimonies that you pass HB4131-3 and do not allow the modifications proposed by HB 4131-5 and 4131-6 that would undo needed

protections of citizens' civil rights and well-being.