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Walking back restrictions on the use of munitions is a dangerous and potentially deadly decision. I oppose this because Portland Police have permanently disabled me TWICE with their irresponsible overuse and misuse of crowd control munitions, and I don't want to see more violence against citizens exercising their rights. Not only did nerve gas (tear gas) exposure cause me to develop fibromyalgia, a nervous pain disorder and cause me reproductive harm, Portland police also blew my legs up with a flash grenade. My nerves are damaged, my calves swell, I have a hardened hematoma trapped in the muscle. I couldn't walk for weeks, I had burns on legs and they were swollen like balloons. My doctor told me I'm lucky I didn't lose a limb.

It hit me from behind because I was dispersing and following orders, clearly no threat to anyone, not even facing Portland police when they started blindly and irresponsibly firing munitions directly into a crowd at people. This alone proves to me that they cannot be trusted with these kinds of weapons.

I went out to exercise my first amendment rights and I was met with extreme violence every time. Now I'm in my twenties, permanently disabled. I had to quit my job because I can't physically make it through a day anymore. My life is permanently altered because of Ted Wheeler and the Portland Police's extreme lack of care and safety for their citizens. I am begging you not to give them more access to explosives or dangerous chemicals. For the sake of all our citizens. If these restrictions get rolled back who knows how many more people they will injure, disable or even worse..