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Hello,

My name is Skyla and I'm a resident of St. Paul. I'm emailing you to discuss my concern with the recent proposals the council has been discussing in regards to putting restrictions on protests. I have read through the list of items that are being considered to become "prohibited" and I'm left with one big question. Where is the list of prohibited items and actions for the police?

Most of the items listed are literal protective gear which are actually put to use when the police department decides to injure and maim us with absolutely no provocation. Shields have been present at many actions since the summer of 2020 and, contrary to what law enforcement seems to think, are solely there for personal protection and defense. There is no reasonable answer to explain why these restrictions are being imposed that has doesn't ignore the safety of the protestors. This is very blatant movement repression and to sugar coat it in any other way is to put your constituents' lives in danger. Your constituents are the ones standing up for human rights against a violent and murderous system (who already has literally every resource at their disposal).

I'm extremely disturbed by the ordinance amendment being put forward by the council and will organize with my community to protest against this amendment. Simply put, it's placing protestors in an even more vulnerable position while they continue to stand up against the police state who repeatedly brutalizes them. I'm asking you to table this ordinance and instead focus your energy on putting restrictions in place for the police. The police are the ones who incite violence. Don't empower their abuse.

Thank you,

Skyla