

HOUSE No. 4150

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mike Connolly and Jack Patrick Lewis

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act banning the use of tear gas by law enforcement.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>9/3/2021</i>

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By Messrs. Connolly of Cambridge and Lewis of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4150) of Mike Connolly, Jack Patrick Lewis and others relative to banning the use of tear gas by law enforcement. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act banning the use of tear gas by law enforcement.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 116K, as added by chapter 253 of the acts of 2020, the
3 following section:-

4 SECTION 116L. (a) No law enforcement officer, law enforcement agency or department
5 shall purchase, obtain, use or allow to be used for law enforcement purposes on any person, a
6 chemical or substance that can produce rapidly in humans, sensory irritation or disabling
7 physical effects within a short time of exposure. Examples of such substance include “tear gas”
8 or “CS gas”.

9 (b) Whoever violates this section shall be punished by a criminal fine of \$5,000.