

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4150**

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**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)**  
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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.