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Adams Statement on the Use of Tear Gas

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To: [Steve Johnston](#)**Adams Statement on the Use of Tear Gas****CHARLOTTE – Congresswoman Alma Adams (NC-12)**

released the following statement in response to recent incidents involving tear gas in Charlotte, Washington, D.C., and across the country:

"The Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department, as well as police departments across the country, should immediately and permanently end the use of tear gas. Weapons that are illegal in war should never be used on American soil, especially against our own people."

Background:

Last night, the **Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department** was involved in a high-profile incident involving the use of tear gas on scores of protesters. Local reporter Justin LaFrancois of *Queen City Nerve* [experienced the incident firsthand](#):

"We're trapped, there's tear gas ... we're trapped, they're shooting pepper balls at us, they've thrown out tear gas, flash-bangs, smoke ... we're trapped here, they're up top shooting at us."

Earlier in the week, there was controversy over [President Trump teargassing peaceful protesters](#) in Washington, D.C. for a photo op at a church.

Congresswoman Adams responded Monday night via [Twitter](#): "Chemical agents should not be used on Americans, especially for a photo op."

Congresswoman Alma Adams represents North Carolina's 12th Congressional District (Charlotte) and serves as Vice Chair of the House Committee on Agriculture. Additionally, she serves on the House Financial Services Committee and the House Education &

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