Dear Million Mom Marcher,

Like you I've lost a family member to gun violence. And I have learned that a grass roots movement like ours has the power to change laws and save lives. But how do we get the word out and amplify our voices? I think we learn from each other. As a filmmaker I know that our stories are powerful. They can change hearts and minds.

I volunteered to create this video (One in a Million) as my contribution to our efforts to make a difference. I found Mary Leigh Blek's story a powerful personal inspiration.

Mary Leigh embarked on a path from private pain to public action. From testifying before Congress, to working directly with victims and organizing young people, Mary Leigh is one of a million everyday heros—— committed, persistent, determined to make our kids safe from gun violence.

Despite her visible public role, Mary Leigh is by nature shy and modest. One of the hardest parts of making this documentary was persuading Mary Leigh to let me call attention to her and pursue her with camera, microphone and lights. After viewing the video I hope you'll agree that she made the right decision.

Ordinary people working together can accomplish the extraordinary.

"We will make a difference." Mary Leigh Blek One in a Million

Sincerely,

Mark Freeman Director One in a Million Encinitas, CA