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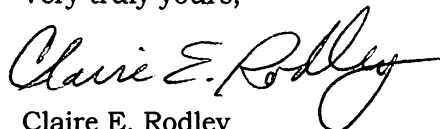
March 30, 2000

Cambridge City Council
c/o Ms. D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk
City Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Ms. Drury:

At the Regular Meeting of March 21, 2000 the School Committee adopted an order endorsing and supporting the "Million Mom March" in May. The Committee also asked that I forward the resolution to the City Council for consideration.

Very truly yours,



Claire E. Rodley
Secretary of the School Committee

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--IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE--

March 21, 2000

ORDERED:

That the School Committee adopt the following resolution:

- WHEREAS:** In the United States thirteen children a day are killed by guns and 3 times as many are severely injured. (National Center for Health Statistics, October 1996); and
- WHEREAS:** 4 out of 10 crime guns recovered by law enforcement are from youth and juveniles. (aged 24 and under - ATF report, Crime Gun Trace Analysis, February, 1999); and
- WHEREAS:** Children in the United States are 12 times more likely to die from a firearm injury than are children in other industrialized nations. (CDC, 1999); and
- WHEREAS:** Many of these shooting have occurred in or near a school in the recent years; and
- WHEREAS:** On Mother's Day, May 14, 2000, there will be a Million Mom March in Washington, D.C.; and
- WHEREAS:** The Million Mom March is a grass roots effort of moms and concerned citizens through-out the country who have joined together to tell our elected officials that they need to take a stand and protect our children from violence; and will stand together on May 14 to ask for sensible laws for safe kids; and
- WHEREAS:** Residents of Cambridge, including Greta Hardina, Cambridge Coordinator, and E. Denise Simmons, Vice chair, have been working to raise public interest and knowledge about the significance of the march, and have asked that the School Committee endorse the efforts of the Million Mom March, and allow distribution of information to each Cambridge family in the public school system; and
- WHEREAS:** The March has been endorsed by the National P.T.A., The Children's Defense Fund, Physicians for Social Responsibility and many other local and national agencies; NOW THEREFORE BE IT.
- RESOLVED:** That the Cambridge School Committee go on record in support of the local and National efforts; and further support the dissemination in the schools of information on the event; and BE IT FURTHER
- RESOLVED:** That a formal copy of this resolution be prepared by the Secretary and forwarded to the Cambridge Coordinator of the Million Mom March, and to the Cambridge City Council.

A true copy:

Attest:


 Claire E. Rodley

Secretary of the School Committee

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A communication was received from Claire
E. Rodley, Secretary of the School Committee,
transmitting an order endorsing and supporting
the "Million Mom March."

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In City Council April 10, 2000

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