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How Many More Names Will It Take

"I love Art. It can express things more intimately than can ever be said through words. Hopefully, I was able to achieve that. My piece is dedicated to the families of the victims of mass shootings since 1966. I hope my insignificant expression of their greatness will bring some light to the families knowing that their loved ones are not forgotten. Especially by me.

For too long there has been an inability by those in power to take action, some even seem complacent in how things are. I am not. I am torn apart every single time there is a report of another mass shooting and families and communities are torn apart. Why? Because of inaction. This inability to act and do what needs to be done to save lives, instead of fighting each other, will take us down a path in which we will wonder how we got there. Until they take action, until WE take action, this will be our fate. How many more names will it take? Remember these names, remember who they were, think of what they could of been, and remember who it could be next: your child, your friend, a family member... You.

"Where human effort comes to an end... THERE lies Fate."

(Unknown)