

Vigil at the Boston Globe on Monday, August 1

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## ***M-Power Objects to Boston Globe Spotlight Story***

Mental illness, crime and violence have been in the news lately with the Disability Law Center's report on Bridgewater State Hospital ([WBUR report](#)), numerous calls for limiting access to guns for people with mental illness, and the Boston Globe's Spotlight on Mental Health titled "[The Desperate and the Dead](#)".

A coalition of advocacy groups, including M-Power, will meet at the Boston Globe next week to share their objections to this recent Spotlight story on mental illness and police confrontations. More individuals with mental illness have been *victims* of violence, yet the Globe story leaves the impression that people with mental illness are more likely than others to be *murderers*. Advocates question the validity of the statistics, and accuse the Globe of simplifying mental illness treatments and diagnoses as facts when instead, mental illness continues to be poorly understood and treated. (See two letters to the Globe by Sera Davidow for [Mad in America: June 27](#) and [July 7](#), and [M-Power's response](#) to the Globe. )

If you agree with M-Power and other advocacy groups that the Boston Globe Spotlight reporting has been harmful to people with mental illness, then join Justin Brown, Ruthie Pool, and others at this vigil.

**What:**

Boston Globe Vigil To Remember Those Who Have Fallen to Violence

**When:**

Monday, August 1 at 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

**Where:**

Boston Globe  
135 Morrissey Boulevard  
Boston

**Contact:**

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**More Information:**

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Thank you,

Paul Spooner,  
Executive Director

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