

January 5, 2011

Senator Patrick Leahy
Senator Bernie Sanders
Congressman Peter Welch
Washington, DC

Dear Senator Leahy, Senator Sanders and Congressman Welch,

Thank you for all of the hard work you do for us in Washington. Your voice is greatly appreciated.

I am writing to you as the parent of a 19 year old daughter with Neurofibromatosis. Lizzy was diagnosed with this condition in July, 1993. Since that time, we have been connected with many supports and services as well as physicians throughout New England to care for her. She is now a student at Johnson State College, wanting to become a grant writer for non-profits.

Throughout much of her life, we have had to travel out of Vermont in order to obtain information and services because Vermont doesn't have much to offer patients with this condition. We were fortunate to connect with Neurofibromatosis Inc. (NF Inc.) out of Burlington, MA. They provided us with information, support, connections, nearly everything we needed to ensure Lizzy has a bright future. Lizzy has been volunteering with Camp New Friends in Virginia for the past few years as a counselor. This is a week-long summer camp for kids with neurofibromatosis. NF Inc. has sponsored her attendance at this camp each year. She has made many friends and connections to support herself.

Neurofibromatosis research and funding is important because it allows people with this condition the hope that something can be done. Research is learning new things about this every day, and helping families find a "ray of hope" for treatments, if not a cure. We are grateful to you for assisting with funding research projects each year, because it means that Lizzy and/or her future children may not have to deal with the life-long effects.

Please continue to support the Neurofibromatosis Research Program through the Department of Defense. This really does make a difference!

With gratitude,

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