

Dear Senator,

My name is Elizabeth (Lizzy) Hubbard and for almost 20 years I have lived with a disorder called Neurofibromatosis (NF for short), This disorder has caused my face to be disfigured by tumors, I also have tumors all through my body although they cannot be seen physically you can feel some of them under my skin. Ever since I can remember I have been made fun of, stared at, and even pointed at. I would be in a store and hear a child or even an adult whisper to the person next to them “what happen to her nose” or “she has a big nose.” Granted by now I am used to hearing stuff like that said about me, but it still is irritating to hear, because people don’t know enough about it they make fun of it. When I was younger maybe around 6 years old I would avoid mirrors and looking into something that would reflect my face it would cause me to start crying because I didn’t understand why I looked different and why people were making fun of me, I finally learned how to cope with people making fun of me. I started being more assertive and standing up for myself, I still have issues with standing up for myself but I do try. I have also had issues in school with my studies but I made it to college, I still deal with being made fun of, but not as badly, now people have the guts to come up to me and ask me why I look the way I do. I still wish they could find a cure for NF but without the proper funding they can’t find a cure.

Sincerely

Elizabeth Hubbard

