

Dear Social Security,

I am Lucy Temple's cousin. I've known Lucy since we were kids, and we still live in the same town. I stop by her house every weekend to help her with chores and keep her company.

Lucy and I have always enjoyed being outdoors. But after she received a diagnosis of fibromyalgia several years ago, we stopped doing outdoor activities together. We used to go on many hikes, but the last time we tried hiking, she got fatigued walking a few feet to the trailhead and we had to turn back. When I visit her, she just stays in her reclining chair.

Lucy has become more isolated since her diagnosis. She used to have company over regularly, but lately I'm the only person who comes over. I've noticed her house has gotten messier, where before she was always very tidy. I try to engage her in conversation to keep her spirits up, but she has a hard time following along, and will often doze off after half an hour.

Sincerely,

Sarah Pardo

Relative of Disability Applicant