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Over the past week, I have, perhaps for the first time, actually considered the plight of persons who are blind; something I can say which I have never really previously been exposed. More so than the obvious frustration of a difficult physical hardship, I am glad to have recognized a conceivably more unfortunate and debilitating social struggle – one which such persons battle daily both in discriminatory interpersonal relationships and among an insensitive social public policy founded in relatively ignorant stigmatization. I say that I am “glad” for this realization because I know that we cannot change what we do not acknowledge, both in our personal lives and as a collective society.

It is for this understanding that I have developed a true respect for the working efforts and greater mission of the National Federation of the Blind of Pennsylvania and its staff of Jim, Lynn, Pat, Toni, and Hope – all of whom are just such wonderfully kind and intelligent people. Though the administrative aspect of packaging mailings may have at times been a bit tedious, I value our time shared with the NFB because I know that our efforts have contributed at least a small part to the awareness and social consciousness that is so much needed today. On a personal level, I was further impressed by how especially accommodating everyone has been in ensuring that we, as guests of Pennsylvania, first and foremost enjoy our time in, and see the sights of, Philadelphia; it has indeed made for a most pleasant Spring Break experience I will not soon forget.