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Hello FTC,

My daughter and I are or have been contact lens wearers, my daughter for 7 years and I had worn them for 30 years. What a nightmarish experience I have had, particularly. Not my daughter, since she hasn't worn them as long, but she also has problems since she has severe astigmatism.

My problem was with the strength of my prescription. I had worn glasses since 2 years old, and hard contact lenses from 16 to 24 years old, and then soft contact lenses from 24 to 46 years old. I was extremely hyperopic, and my prescription progressively worsened over the years to the point where I was wearing a +10 prescription in both eyes, which they told me was like a cataract patient, even though I didn't have cataracts. So the only way I finally got any relief was to get clear lensectomies at the age of 46, which I had to take out a second mortgage for – it cost me over \$10,000, and I traveled to Columbus, Ohio from Pittsburgh for the surgeries. But any time during the course of 30 years when I would rip a contact lens and try to get a replacement from my doctor, they would make me wait for 2 weeks for contacts, and in the meantime I was supposed to go around with glasses that looked like glass block windows!