## THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA'S COLLEGE AT WISE



Office of the Vice Chancellor & Chief Operating Officer

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The Honorable S. Chris Jones, Chairman House Appropriations Committee Virginia House of Delegates Pocahontas Building P.O. Box 406 Richmond, VA 23218

RE: 2017 Appropriation Act - Item 144 G.4.d

Dear Chairman Jones:

Let me apologize for realizing that we are late in providing you with a report on the University of Virginia's College at Wise's progress of achieving targeted goals of the Two-Year College Transfer Grant Program.

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- Promotion of our partnerships with community college advisors and transfer counselors concerning the availability of the program.
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- Encouragement of transfer students to complete the FAFSA.

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This program is an intrinsic part of our aggressive financial aid program which has enabled us to graduate Virginia students with a very low debt load.

Sincerely,

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