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TO: The Honorable Terence R. McAuliffe, Governor
The Honorable Thomas K. Norment, Jr., Co-Chair, Senate Finance Committee
The Honorable Emmett W. Hanger, Jr., Co-Chair, Senate Finance Committee
The Honorable S. Chris Jones, Chair, House Appropriations Committee

Fr: Jack Barber, MD
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Pursuant to Item 313.Q. of the 2016 *Appropriation Act*, the purpose of this letter is to report on the status of funds set aside to provide compensation to individuals who were involuntarily sterilized pursuant to the Virginia Eugenical Sterilization Act and who were living as of February 1, 2015. Specifically, the language requires:

5. Should the funding provided for compensation be exhausted prior to the end of fiscal year 2016, the department shall continue to collect applications. The department shall provide a report to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees on a quarterly basis on the number of additional individuals who have been applied.

Accordingly, I am writing to report that as of September 30, 2017, the total number of approved claims to date was 28, unchanged since November 2016. Please refer to the table on page 2.

The permanent regulation (12 VAC 35 - 240) became final on May 4, 2017.

No funds were set aside for a public awareness campaign. However, since adoption of the permanent regulations, the department distributed public awareness information to the public, media, stakeholders, community services boards, and those agencies designated as state-designated voter registration agencies. In 2017, DBHDS paid for advertisements to run in eight newspapers across the state: the Progress Index, the Virginian Pilot, the Daily Press, the News Advance, the Richmond Times-Dispatch, the Roanoke Times, the Staunton News Leader, and the Bristol Times Herald. The ads ran on Sunday, June 18, Sunday, July 16, and Saturday, August 19 in the front sections of the papers.

As submitted September 30, 2017							
As of 06/30/17	FY 2017			FY 2018			
	Total Allocation	Paid Awards	Carry- forward FY2017 Funds	FY 2018 Allocation with Carryforward	Estimated FY 2018 Awards	Paid Awards	Remaining June 2018
	\$650,000	\$150,000	\$500,000	\$500,000			\$500,000
Completed Applications Deemed Eligible		6			38		
Projected Need					\$950,000		\$300,000

Cc: The Honorable Riley E. Ingram
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