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TO: The Honorable Ralph S. Northam, 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 2017 *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 Eugenic 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 2017, 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 December 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.

One application was received, but it was deemed incomplete because it was for an individual whose claim involved the Virginia Department of Social Services. Compensation was not possible since that agency is not included in the current law. There have been two recent calls, one a request for an information packet for an individual who reportedly was admitted to Southside Virginia Training Center (SVTC), and one a call from an attorney on behalf of someone who was admitted to Eastern State Hospital (ESH). Staff awaits receipt of those applications.

December 30, 2017							
As of 06/30/17	FY 2017			FY 2018			
	Total Allocation	Paid Awards	Potential Carry- forward FY2017	FY 2018 Allocation (No Carryforward	Estimated FY 2018 Awards	Paid Awards	Remaining June 2018
	\$650,000	\$150,000	\$500,000	\$0			\$0
Completed Applications Deemed Eligible		6			5		
Projected Need					\$125,000		\$125,000

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