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TO: The Honorable Glenn A. Youngkin
Governor of Virginia

The Honorable L. Louise Lucas
Chair, Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee

The Honorable Luke E. Torian
Chair, House Appropriations Committee

FROM: Nelson Smith
Commissioner, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

SUBJECT: Item 311 S.5, 2023 Appropriation Act

Item 311.S.5. of the 2023 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:

S.5 5. Should the funding provided in the paragraph be exhausted prior to the end of the fiscal year, the department may use available special fund revenue balances to provide compensation. The department shall report to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees on a quarterly basis on the number of additional individuals who have applied.

Cc: The Honorable Janet V. Kelly, Secretary of Health & Human Resources

Accordingly, I am writing to report that as of April 1, 2024, the total number of approved claims to date is increased by two additional claims to 32. There have been two awards in FY 2024 (July 1, 2023 – March 30, 2024).

FY 2024			
FY 2024 Allocation	Paid Awards	Number of Claims	Remaining Funds March 31, 2024
\$200,000	\$50,000	2	\$150,000