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The Honorable L. Louise Lucas  
Chair, Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee  
Senate of Virginia  
P.O. Box 396  
Richmond, VA 23218

The Honorable Luke E. Torian  
Chair, House Appropriations Committee  
General Assembly Building  
P.O. Box 406  
Richmond, VA 23218

Dear Chairwoman Lucas and Chairman Torian:

Norfolk State University (NSU) was awarded funds under Item 142.F.4.c of Chapter 2 - the 2024 Appropriation Act (Special Session I, 2024) to increase the number of students eligible as transfers under the Code of Virginia 23.1-623 through 23.1-27. The Two-Year Transfer Grant goal for Norfolk State was set in the Appropriation Act at 80 eligible students.

In NSU's effort to achieve the goal of 80 students, we enrolled 11 students who qualified for the Two-Year Transfer Grant for AY 24-25. We enrolled 13 transfer students in AY 23-24. Undoubtedly, the grant is assisting NSU with attracting transfer students with associate degrees. The University is committed to recruiting and enrolling transfer students throughout the Virginia Community College System. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Dr. Melissa J. Barnes  
Interim Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management and Special Advisor