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To: The Honorable Glenn Youngkin, Governor of Virginia
The Honorable L. Louise Lucas, Chair, Senate Finance & Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Luke E. Torian, Chair, House Appropriations Committee

From: Nelson Smith, Commissioner, DBHDS

Re: Item 295 R.5 of the 2024 Special Session I Appropriation Act

DBHDS reports quarterly on the number of individuals who were involuntarily sterilized pursuant to the Virginia Eugenical Sterilization Act and who were living as of February 1, 2015.

R.1. Out of this appropriation, \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for compensation to individuals who were involuntarily sterilized pursuant to the Virginia Eugenical Sterilization Act and who were living as of February 1, 2015. Any funds that are appropriated but remain unspent at the end of the fiscal year shall be carried forward into the subsequent fiscal year in order to provide compensation to individuals who qualify for compensation. 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.

No additional individuals have applied for reimbursement from the Eugenics Sterilization Compensation Program (18VAC35-240) administered by DBHDS. As of the quarter ending March 31, 2025, DBHDS received zero applications for FY 2025 from or on behalf of individuals who were involuntarily sterilized under the Virginia Eugenical Sterilization Act and who were living as of February 1, 2015. Since the initial allocation of funds to provide compensation to individuals involuntarily sterilized pursuant to the Virginia Eugenical Sterilization Act by the General Assembly in FY 2016, the total number of approved verified claims is 32, amounting to \$800,000 in cumulative disbursements. Figure 1 shows the number of claims approved by biennium. DBHDS issued more than 90 percent of claim payments prior to FY 2020.

Figure 1. Number of Claims Approved by Biennium



cc: The Honorable Janet V. Kelly, Secretary, Health and Human Services