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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 130 F.4.c of the 2026 Appropriation Act (Chapter 725 of the Acts of Assembly of 2025) 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 for 80 eligible students.

In NSU's effort to achieve the goal of 80 students, NSU enrolled 11 students who qualified for the Two-Year Transfer Grant for AY 25-26 compared to 7 students awarded during the AY 24-25. The University is committed to recruiting and enrolling transfer students throughout the Virginia Community College System. To increase the number of awards offered, the offices of Undergraduate Admissions and Recruitment, which include admissions of transfer students, and Financial Aid, will continue to collaborate to bring an awareness of the 2-Year College Transfer Grant. New marketing material will be created and distributed to College Advisors within the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) and the NSU Student Forms online platform will provide transfer students with the ability to complete the application online and to upload a copy of their college transcript for easier access and review. Transfer and Financial Aid Counselors will continue to provide students with information during both campus and non-campus recruitment events (i.e., Transfer Week activities, Transfer Tuesday, etc.).

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Melissa J. Barnes, Ed.D.
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