



**AMERICAN FEDERATION OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES  
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Mid-Term Bargaining Committee**

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Leslie Wiggins, Deputy Assistant Secretary  
Office of Labor Management Relations (LMR)  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
810 Vermont Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20420

Subject: Emergency Shutdown Furlough

Dear Ms. Wiggins:

In accordance with Article 47, Section 1 C., of the Master Agreement the National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain on the emergency shutdown furlough within the Department. NVAC's proposals have been provide with our demand to bargain. The negotiations of this matter should normally begin no later than twenty (20) workdays after the Management Chief Negotiator in this receives our demand to bargain.

Please cease and desist any implementation until the bargaining obligation has been met. The named NVAC bargaining committee may request a briefing over the cited subject above, before sending any proposals. If you have any questions please call me at (217) 554-4866.

Sincerely,

Oscar L. Williams, Jr.  
Chairperson, Mid-Term Bargaining Committee  
2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Vice President  
National VA Council #53

cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53  
NVAC Executive Committee

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