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

Subject: National Center for Patient Safety (NCPS) Pilot Program for Staff Nurses

Dear Mr. Holliday:

The National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain over the VHA Handbook 1850.04 Employee Uniforms within the Department. Please provide the NVAC's Title 38 Bargaining Committee with the information and/or data related to the above subject. The negotiations in this matter should normally begin within ten (10) workdays after the management chief negotiator in this matter receives our demand to bargain.

Please cease and desist any implementation of bargaining unit until after the bargaining obligation has been met. The named 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.
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cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53
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