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November 10, 2011

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

Subject: VA Handbook 0735 Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12 (HSPD-12)

Dear Ms. Wiggins:

In accordance with Article 47, Section 2 C., of the Master Agreement the National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain on the VA Handbook 0735 Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12 within the Department. Please provide the NVAC's Mid-Term Bargaining Committee with all information and/or data related to the subject. The negotiation of this matter should normally begin no later than twenty (20) workdays after the Management Chief Negotiator in this matter 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
2nd Executive Vice President
National VA Council #53

cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53
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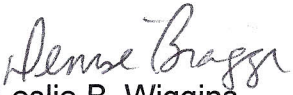
Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed for your review and comments is VA Handbook 0735 Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12 (HSPD-12). The purpose of the handbook is to establish the policies, roles, and responsibilities necessary to carry out Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12 (HSPD-12) at VA.

HSPD-12 directs all federal agencies and departments to issue identification card to provide government employees, contractors, and affiliates with a "smart card" that can be used to verify their identities when they enter federal buildings or to gain access to federal computers networks.

If you have any questions concerning this subject matter, please contact Larry Bennett not later than November 29, 2011. He can be reached at (202) 461-4162 or by email at larry.bennett3@va.gov

Sincerely yours,


Leslie B. Wiggins
Deputy Assistant Secretary

Enclosure

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