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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: VA Handbook 5005 Staff (Staffing Reductions)

Dear Ms. Wiggins:

In accordance with Article 44, Section C., of the Master Agreement the National VA Council #53 is formally demand to bargain on VA Handbook 5005 Staffing (Staff Reductions) within the Department. Please provide the above named Mid-Term Bargaining Committee with all information and/or data related to this subject. The negotiations of this matter should normally begin no later than ten (10) 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 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
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cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53
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