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Scott Holiday, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary  
Office of Labor Management Relations (LMR)  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W  
Washington, DC 20420

Subject: Demand to Bargain – VHA Fee Basis/Non-VA Care Millennium Bill Initiative Pilot expansion in VISN 9 (Huntington & Memphis), VISN 11 (Battle Creek & Detroit) and VISN 18 (Amarillo & Tucson)

Dear Mr. Holliday:

In accordance with Article 44, Section 2 C, of the Master Agreement, the National VA Council #53 formally demanding to bargain over VHA Fee Basis/Non-VA Care Millennium Bill Initiative Pilot expansion at the listed facilities above in VHA within the Department. Please provide the above named bargaining committee with any information and/or data concerning the cited 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 contact 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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