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Meghan Flanz, Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Labor Management Relations (LMR)
Department of Veterans Affairs, Suite 250
1575 I Street, NW
Washington, DC 20420

Subject: VHA Handbook 1142.01 Criteria and Standards for Community Living Centers (CLC)

Dear Ms. Flanz:

The National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain over the VHA Handbook 1142.01 CLC programs within the Department. Please provide the above named 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.
Chairperson, Mid-Term Bargaining Committee
2nd Executive Vice President
National VA Council #53

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

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