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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's Emergency Shutdown Furlough

Dear Ms. Wiggins:

In accordance with Article 44, Section 2 C., of the Master Agreement the National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain on the VA's emergency shutdown furlough within the Department. Please provide the above named NVAC Mid-Term Bargaining Committee with all information and/or data related to the subject. The negotiations of this matter should normally begin no later than ten (10) workdays after the Management Chief Negotiator in this 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
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cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53
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