



**AMERICAN FEDERATION OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES  
NATIONAL VETERANS AFFAIRS COUNCIL #53**

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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-funded Research Project "Evidence Based Practice and Patient Centered Care:  
Doing Both Well" (Ann Arbor, Atlanta, Boston, Cleveland, Fargo, Madison, Memphis,  
Pittsburgh, Shreveport, Washington West Haven and White River Junction)

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 cited subject above 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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