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June 1, 2011

Leslie Wiggins, Deputy Assistant Secretary
Office of Labor Management Relations (LMR)
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420

Subject: VA Directive 0633 and VA Handbook 0633 Transit Benefit Program

Dear Ms. Wiggins:

In accordance with Article 47, Section 2 C., of the Master Agreement the National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain on the changes to VA Directive 0633 and VA Handbook 0633 Transit Benefit Program 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
2nd Executive Vice President
National VA Council #53

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

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Mr. Oscar L. Williams, Jr.
2nd Executive Vice President
National VA Council AFGE
29 Lake Street
Danville, IL 61832

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed for your review and comment is VA Directive and VA Handbook 0633 Transit Benefit Program.

VA Directive 0633 is similar to the enclosed directive signed on July 25, 2002. VA Handbook 0633 is a new handbook. The main new sections of the Handbook are: Employee Responsibility, Authorized Ferry and Vanpool Regulations. All other sections are rewords of the Directive and Transit Manager's Guide.

If you wish to bargain or schedule a briefing on this matter, please contact Ms. Denise Biaggi-Ayer, no later than June 26, 2011. Denise may be reached at denise.biaggi-ayer@va.gov or (202) 461-4129. Questions regarding this policy may be addressed to Mr. Quinton Walker, Transit Benefits Program Manger, at quinton.walker@va.gov or (202) 461-5043.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie B. Wiggins
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Labor-Management Relations

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