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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 Handbook 5005 Staffing, Conversion of Health Care Occupations to Title 38 Hybrid Status

Dear Ms. Wiggins:

National VA Council #53 agrees with the revisions to VA Handbook 5005 Staffing, Conversion of Health Care Occupations to Title 38 Hybrid. The Department must meet the intent of Public Law 111-153 by providing the opportunity to the exclusive representative to collaborate any occupations conversion.

If you have any questions please call me at (217) 554-4866.

Sincerely,

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