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Thomas C. Smith III, Director  
Central Texas Veterans Health Care System  
1901 Veterans Memorial Drive  
Temple, TX 76504

Subject: VISN 17 CTVHCS Ladder Safety Policy 0014SIH  
(AFGE Local 1822 and AFGE Local 2109)

Dear Mr. Smith:

In accordance with Article 47, Section 2 C, of the Master Agreement, the National VA Council #53 formally is demanding to bargain on the VISN 17 CTVHCS policy cited above within the Department. Ms. Alma L. Lee will be naming the Union's Chief Negotiator and negotiating team members. Please provide the named bargaining team with any information and/or data concerning the cited subject. The negotiations of this matter should normally begin no later than twenty (20) workdays after the management chief negotiator in this matter receives our demand to bargain.

Please cease and desist any implementation until the bargaining obligation has been met. The named bargaining team may request a briefing over the cited subject above, before sending any proposals. If you have any questions please contact 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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