



**AMERICAN FEDERATION OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES  
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Judith L. Johnson-Mekota, Acting Director  
Minneapolis VA Healthcare System  
One Veterans Drive  
Minneapolis, MN 55417

Subject: Demand to Bargain – VISN 23 MVAHCS Policy EC-17 Visitor and Patient Ward  
Restriction Policy (AFGE Local 1969 and AFGE Local 3669)

Dear Ms. Johnson-Mekota:

In accordance with Article 47, Section 2 C, of the Master Agreement, the National VA Council #53 formally demanding to bargain over the cited Policy EC-17 above in VISN 23 within the Department. Ms. Alma L. Lee will be naming the Union's Chief Negotiator and negotiating team. 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Vice President  
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cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53  
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