



**AMERICAN FEDERATION OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES
NATIONAL VETERANS AFFAIRS COUNCIL #53
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VBA Mid-Term Bargaining Committee**

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Mr. Kevin Nelson, Chief Negotiator
VBA Office of Labor Management Relations (LMR)
Department of Veterans Affairs
Washington, DC 20420

Subject: DTB – VBMS 7.0 Release

In accordance with Article 47, Section 2 C., of the Master Agreement and the VBMS National MOU signed March 29, 2012, the National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain on the above cited subject within the Department. Changes to VBMS have occurred since 2012 and the release of VBMS 7.0 is the latest in a series of updates which have changed conditions of employment. Therefore, per the provision in the previously negotiated MOU, these changes have triggered an obligation to bargain.

Please provide the above named NVAC VBA 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 twenty (20) workdays after the Management Chief Negotiator receives our demand to bargain.

Please cease and desist any further implementation until the bargaining obligations have been met. The named VBA Bargaining Committee is requesting a briefing over the cited subject above before sending any proposals. If you have any questions, please call me at (727) 319-7788.

Sincerely,

Valorie Reilly, Chairperson
VBA Sub Committee, Mid-Term Bargaining
AFGE-NVAC #53

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