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Subject: Demand to Bargain – VISN 2 VA Medical Center Canandaigua Integration of Primary Care (AFGE Local 2657 and AFGE Local 3306)

Dear Dr. Lemons:

In accordance with Article 44, Section 2 C, of the Master Agreement, the National VA Council #53 formally demanding to bargain over VAMC Canandaigua integration of Primary Care within VISN 2 in the Department. Ms. Alma L. Lee, NVAC Council President will be naming the Union's Chief Negotiator and negotiating team. Please provide the named bargaining committee with any information and/or data concerning the cited subject. The negotiations of this matter should normally begin no later than ten (10) 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 committee may request a briefing over the cited subject above, before sending any proposals. Please contact me at (217) 554-4866 if you have any questions.

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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