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**Subject: VISN #5 – VA MHC Policy Memorandum 512-00-103 Environment of Care Committee
(AFGE Local 331 and AFGE Local 1923)**

Dear Ms. Jennings:

In accordance with Article 44, Section 2, C, of the Master Agreement, the National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain on the VAMHC Policy Memo 512-00-103 in VISN 5 in the Department. Alma L. Lee, President will be naming a chief negotiator and team members. 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 obligations has been met. The named bargaining committee may request a briefing over the cited subject above, before sending any proposals. 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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