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**Subject: Demand to Bargain -- VISN 9 TVHS Realignment of Credentialing & Privileging Staff
and Patient Advocates (AFGE Locals 1844 and 2400)**

Dear Ms. Dow:

In accordance with Article 44, Section 2 C, of the Master Agreement, the National VA Council #53 formally demanding to bargain over the proposed realignment of staff cited above in TVHS in VISN 9. 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 obligation has been met. The named bargaining committee 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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