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March 18, 2016

Joanne Krumberger, Director  
VA Medical Center Portland  
3710 Southwest US Veterans Hospital Road  
Portland, OR 97239

Subject: VISN 20 – VA Portland, HCS Campus Shuttle Change (7:20 am Vancouver to Portland Shuttle) (AFGE Local 2157 and AFGE Local 2583)

Dear Ms. Krumberger:

In accordance with Article 47 Section 2 C., of the Master Agreement the National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain on VA PHCS Campus Shuttle change for bargaining unit employees as cited above in VISN 20 within the Department. Ms. Alma L. Lee, President of the National VA Council#53, will be naming the Union's Chief Negotiator and team members. Please provide the named bargaining team with all information and/or data related to the cited subject. The negotiation of this matter should normally begin no later than twenty (20) workdays after the Management's Chief Negotiator receives our demand to bargain.

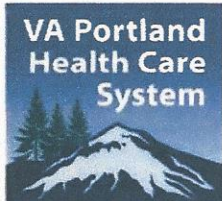
Please cease and desist any implementation until the bargaining obligation has been met. The above named bargaining team my request a briefing over the cited subject above, before sending any proposals. If you have any questions please contact me at (217) 554-4866.

Sincerely,

Oscar L. Williams, Jr.  
Chairperson, Mid-Term Bargaining Committee  
2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Vice President  
National VA Council #53

cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53  
Donald Fowler, 11<sup>th</sup> District Representative NVAC

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March 16, 2016

Oscar L. Williams, Jr.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Vice President, NVAC #53  
29 Lake Street  
Danville, IL 61832

**Subject: Campus Shuttle Change (7:20 am Vancouver to Portland shuttle)**

Dear Mr. Williams,

Effective as early as April 18, 2016, VA Portland Health Care System will prohibit employees from riding the 7:20 am shuttle between the Vancouver, WA campus going to the Portland, OR campus. Employees who are Veterans going to Portland for health care reasons will still be able to ride the 7:20 am shuttle.

The purpose for this change is that Veteran patients are not able to get to their appointments on the Portland campus because employees are also taking the shuttle. The purpose of the shuttle is for Veterans to travel for health care. The 7:20 am shuttle has the most demand and the primary use should go to Veteran patients. No other shuttle restrictions for employees are considered.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (503) 273-5076.

Sincerely,

JOHN E. DODIER  
Chief, Facilities Management Service

cc: Donald L. Fowler, NVAC 11<sup>th</sup> District  
President, AFGE Local 2157  
President, AFGE Local 2583

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