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Michael W. Fisher, Director  
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3710 Southwest US Veterans Hospital Road  
Portland, OR 97239

Subject: VISN 20 – VA Portland, HCS Changes in the Leave Approval Secondary to  
Staffing Crisis (AFGE Local 2157 and AFGE Local 2583)

Dear Mr. Fisher:

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 changes in the Leave Approval Secondary to Staffing Crisis 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  
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cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53  
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