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Kimberly McLeod, Acting Executive Director
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810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420

Subject: VA Directive 5383 and VA Handbook 5383 "VA Drug-Free Workplace Program"

Dear Ms. McLeod:

National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain on VA Drug-Free Workplace Program as cited above within the Department. Please provide the above named NVAC's Mid-Term Bargaining Committee with all information and/or data related to this subject. The negotiations in this matter should normally begin no later than twenty (20) 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 Mid-Term Bargaining Committee may request a briefing prior to sending any proposals. If you have any questions please call 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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