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Tracy Schulberg, Acting Executive Director
Office of Labor Management Relations (LMR)
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420

Subject: VHA Directive 1085 Smoke-Free Policy for Patients, Visitors, Contractors, Volunteers,
and Vendors at VHA Facilities

Dear Ms. Schulberg:

In accordance with Article 47, Section 2, of the Master Agreement, National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain on VHA Directive 1085 Smoke-Free Policy as cited above within the Department. Please provide the NVAC's Mid-Term Bargaining Committee named above with all information and/or data related to this subject. The negotiations of 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 NVAC's Mid-Term Bargaining Committee may request a briefing over the cited subject above, before sending any proposals. If you have any questions please call me at (217) 554-4866.

Sincerely,

Oscar L. Williams, Jr.
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cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53
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