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Joan E. McInerney, Network Director  
Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) 2  
130 W. Kingsbridge Road, Bldg. #16  
Bronx, NY 10468

Subject: VISN 2 – Merger of VAMC Bath, NY and VAMC Canandaigua, NY  
(AFGE Local 491 and AFGE Local 3306)

Dear Ms. McInerney:

In accordance with Article 47, Section 2 C, of the Master Agreement, the National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain on the merger of VAMC Bath, NY and VAMC Canandaigua, as cited above in VISN 2 within the Department. Ms. Alma L. Lee will be naming the Union's Chief Negotiator and negotiating team. Please provide the named bargaining team with any information and/or data concerning the cited subject. The negotiations of this matter should normally begin no later than twenty (20) workdays after the Management's 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 team may request a briefing over the cited subject above, before sending any proposals. If you have any question, please contact me at (217) 554-4866.

Sincerely,

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