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July 25, 2019

Patrick J. Kelly, Director  
Minneapolis VA Health Care System  
1 Veterans Drive  
Minneapolis, MN 55417

Subject: VISN 23 – Minneapolis VA HCS, Policy #TX-35 Hands Off Communication  
AFGE Locals 1969 and AFGE Local 3669)

Dear Mr. Kelly:

In accordance with Article 47 Section 2 C., of the Master Agreement the National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain on Minneapolis VA HCS Policy #TX-35 Hands Off Communication as cited above in VISN 23 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 NVAC's bargaining team may 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  
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cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53  
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