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September 27, 2021

Darwin G. Goodspeed, Director
VA Medical Center Portland
3710 Southwest US Veterans Hospital Road
Portland, OR 97239

Subject: VISN 20 – VA Portland, HCS, MCP-11-105 High Risk COVID Exposure and Return to Work for Essential Employees (AFGE Local 2157 and AFGE Local 2583)

Dear Mr. Goodspeed:

In accordance with Article 47 Section 2 C., of the Master Agreement the National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain on VA Portland HCS, MCP-11-105 High Risk COVID Exposure and Return to Work for Essential Employees 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 Union's Chief Negotiator and Team Members with all information and/or data concerning the cited subject above. The negotiations of this subject matter should normally begin no later than twenty (20) workdays after the appropriate Management Chief Negotiator 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. If you have any questions, please contact me at (217) 554-4979.

Sincerely,

Oscar L. Williams, Jr.
Chairperson, Mid-Term Bargaining Committee
2nd Executive Vice President
National VA Council #53

cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53
Donald Fowler, 11th District Representative NVAC

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