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North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System  
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Subject: VISN 8 – North Florida/South Georgia VHS Realignment of GEC Social Workers and  
AMSA positions from Geriatrics & Extended Care to Social Work Service (AFGE Local  
1976 and AFGE Local 2779)

Dear Ms. Dottor:

In accordance with Article 47, Section 2 C, of the Master Agreement, the National VA Council #53 formally demands to bargain on the NFSG, Realignment of GEC Social Workers and AMSA positions from Geriatrics & Extended Care to Social Work Service as cited above in VISN 8 within the Department. Ms. Alma L. Lee, President NVAC will name the Chief Negotiator and team members. Please provide the named bargaining team with any information and/or data concerning the cited subject. The negotiation 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 national 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 questions, please contact me at (217) 554-4979.

Sincerely,

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