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Scott Holliday, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary  
Office of Labor Management Relations (LMR)  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
810 Vermont Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20420

Subject: VHA Directive 2009-xxx "Transition Patient Advocate and Mental Health Peer Support Technician Documentation in the Department of Veterans Affairs Electronic Health Record"

Dear Mr. Holliday:

The National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain on the cited VHA Directive 2009-xxx list above within the Department. Please provide the above named Mid-Term Bargaining Committee with the information and/or data related to the matter. The negotiation in this matter should normally begin within ten (10) workdays after the management chief negotiator in this matter receives our demand to bargain.

Please cease and desist any implementation of bargaining unit employees until after the bargaining obligation has been met. Any prior agreement reached by local parties shall comply with the new agreement of the national parties. If you have any questions please call me at (217) 554-4866.

Sincerely

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