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May 14, 2008

Meghan Flanz, Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Labor Management Relations (LMR)
Department of Veterans Affairs
1575 I Street, NW Suite 250
Washington, DC 20420

Subject: VA Traveling Nurse Initiative in VHA

Dear Ms. Flanz:

The National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain on VA Traveling Nurse Initiative in VHA facilities in the Department. Please provide the named NVAC Title 38 Bargaining Committee with the information and/or data related to the matter. The negotiations 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,

Oscar L. Williams, Jr.
Chairperson, Mid-Term Bargaining Committee
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cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53
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