



**AMERICAN FEDERATION OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES  
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Leslie Wiggins, Deputy Assistant Secretary  
Office of Labor Management Relations (LMR)  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
810 Vermont Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20420

Subject: VA Directive 5009 and VA Handbook 5009, Part II "Employee Benefits, Special Retirement Provisions for Firefighters and Law Enforcement Officers"

Dear Ms. Wiggins:

In accordance with Article 44, Section 2 C, of the Master Agreement, the National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain over cited VA Directive 5009 and VA Handbook 5009, Part II listed above within the Department. Please provide the above named Bargaining Committee with any information and/or data concerning the cited subject. The negotiations of this matter should normally begin no later than ten (10) workdays after the management Chief Negotiator in this matter receives our demand to bargain.

Please cease and desist any implementation until the bargaining obligation has been met. The named bargaining committee may request a briefing over the cited subject above, before sending any proposals. If you have any questions please call me at (217) 554-4866.

Sincerely,

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