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October 1, 2008

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

Subject: VA Patient Safety Culture Survey

Dear Ms. Flanz:

The National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain over the VA patient Safety Culture Survey. If the Department accepts NVAC comments no bargaining session will be necessary. The NVAC Safety Committee would like the following question added to the survey: "Are you aware how your position interacts with patient safety". The Patient Safety Culture Questionnaire and Welcome Letter for 2009 need the following language "your response will be confidential and anonymous".

If you have any questions please call me at (217) 554-4866.

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
Executive Committee, NVAC

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