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Mid-Term Bargaining Committee**

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April 2, 2007

Meghan Serwin-Flanz  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
for Labor Management Relations (LMR)  
Department of Veterans Affairs, Suite 215  
810 Vermont Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20420

Subject: VA Transit Benefit change to Smart Benefits Program in Washington, DC

Dear Ms. Flanz:

The National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain on VA Transit Benefit change to Smart Benefits Program in Washington, DC in the Department. Ms. Alma Lee, President of National VA Council will be naming a bargaining team made up of NVAC Locals in Washington, DC to handle this matter. Please provide the named bargaining team members with any information and/or data concerning the above 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 further implementation until after 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.  
Chairperson, Mid-Term Bargaining Committee  
2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Vice President  
National VA Council #53

cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53  
NVAC Local Presidents, Washington, DC

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