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

Subject: VHA Directive 2007-xxx "Smoke-Free Policy for VA Health Care Facilities"

Dear Ms. Flanz:

The National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain on VHA Directive "Smoke-Free Policy for VA Health Care Facilities" in the Department. Please provide the above 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
2nd Executive Vice President
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cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53
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