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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: VHA Directive XXXX "Service Animals"

Dear Ms. Wiggins:

In accordance with Article 44, Section C., of the Master Agreement the National VA Council #53 is in agreement with the cited VHA Directive on Service Animals. AFGE Locals have the authority to bargain on the local implementation at their facility and/or duty location, upon their request to bargain.

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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