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John E. Patrick, Interim Director
VA Puget Sound Healthcare System
1600 South Columbian Way
Seattle, WA 98108-1597

Subject: VISN 20 – VA Puget Sound Healthcare System Implementation of the Drug Eligard
(AFGE Local 498 and AFGE Local 3197)

Dear Mr. Patrick:

The National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain on the implementation of the drug Eligard at VA Puget Sound Healthcare System in VISN 20 within the Department. Alma L. Lee, President NVAC will be naming the chief negotiator and team members, please provide them with any information and/or data concerning the above subject. The negotiations of this matter should normally begin no later than twenty (20) workdays after the management chief negotiator in this matter receives our demand to bargain.

Please cease and desist with any implementation until after the bargaining obligation has been met. The named bargaining team may request a briefing over the cited subject above, before sending any proposals.

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

Sincerely,

Oscar L. Williams, Jr.
Chairperson, Mid-Term Bargaining Committee
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cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53
Mike Kepner, 11th District Representative NVAC

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