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Kent Crossley, MD Acting Director  
Minneapolis VA Health Care System  
One Veterans Drive  
Minneapolis, MN 55417

Subject: VISN 23 MVAHCS Pain Management Policy Number RI-12E  
(AFGE Local 1969 and AFGE Local 3669)

Dear Dr. Crossley:

In accordance with Article 47, Section 2 C, of the Master Agreement, the National VA Council #53 formally demanding to bargain on the Pain Management Policy cited above. Ms. Alma L. Lee will be naming the Union's Chief Negotiator and negotiating team. Please provide the named bargaining team with any information and/or data concerning the cited subject. The negotiation 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 any implementation until the national 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.  
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cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53  
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