



**AMERICAN FEDERATION OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES
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Mid-Term Bargaining Committee**

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Kathryn Mason, VISN 1 HR Manager
VA New England Healthcare System
Network Office Building 61 Department of Veterans Affairs
200 Springs Road
Bedford, MA 01730

**Subject: Demand to Bargain – VISN1 Realignment of VHA Facilities in Central and Western
Massachusetts into a single Facility**

Dear Ms. Mason:

In accordance with Article 44, Section 2 C, of the Master Agreement, the National VA Council #53 formally demanding to bargain over the cited subject listed above in VISN 1 within the Department. Ms. Alma L. Lee will be naming the Chief Union Negotiator and negotiating team. Please provide the named bargaining committee with any information and/or data concerning the 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 implementation until 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 contact me at (217) 554-4866.

Sincerely,

Oscar L. Williams, Jr.
Chairperson, Mid-Term Bargaining Committee
2nd Executive Vice President
National VA Council #53

cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53
William "BJ" Ocker, 1st District Representative, NVAC

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