



**AMERICAN FEDERATION OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES  
NATIONAL VETERANS AFFAIRS COUNCIL #53  
Affiliated with the AFL - CIO  
Mid-Term Bargaining Committee**

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Michael Mayo-Smith, MD, Network Director  
VA New England Healthcare System, VISN 1  
200 Springs Road, Building 61  
Bedford, MA 01730

**Subject: Demand to Bargain – VISN 1 My HealthVet Registration and Secure Messaging Opt-in  
on Government-Furnished Equipment**

Dear Dr. Mayo-Smith:

In accordance with Article 47, Section 2 C, of the Master Agreement, the National VA Council #53 formally demanding to bargain over the VISN 1 cited subject above within the Department. Ms. Alma L. Lee will be naming the Union's Chief 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 twenty (20) 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 call me at (217) 554-4866.

Sincerely,

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

cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53  
William Ocker, 1<sup>st</sup> District Representative NVAC

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