



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

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October 4, 2013

Larry Bennett, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary
Office of Labor Management Relations (LMR)
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420

Subject: VA Government Shutdown Furlough Plan Implementation because of Lapse in Funding

Dear Mr. Bennett:

In accordance with Article 47 Section 2 C., of the Master Agreement the National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain on VA Government Shutdown Furlough Plan Implementation because of a lapse in Funding cited above within the Department. The NVAC has provided our proposals to the Department prior to the October 1, 2013 shutdown of Government services by Congress. NVAC is asking that all other scheduled telephone briefing and/or negotiation session be placed on hold to deal with matter. NVAC needs to provide protection and guidance to our bargaining unit members. The telephone negotiations of this matter should proceed on starting Monday October 7th - Wednesday October 9th for three hours each day until an agreement is reached.

If you have any questions please call 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
NVAC Executive Committee

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