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Mr. Kevin Nelson, Chief Negotiator
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Subject: DTB – VBA’s Plan to Utilize Contract Staff in Claims Development at Intake Sites

In accordance with Article 47, Section 2 C., of the Master Agreement, the National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain on the above cited subject within the Department. Please provide the above named NVAC VBA Mid-Term Bargaining Committee with all information and/or data related to the subject. The negotiations of this matter should normally begin no later than twenty (20) workdays after the Management Chief Negotiator receives our demand to bargain.

Please cease and desist any further implementation until the bargaining obligations have been met. The named VBA Bargaining Committee is requesting a briefing over the cited subject above before sending any proposals. If you have any questions, please call me at (727) 319-7788.

Sincerely,

Valorie Reilly, Chairperson
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Cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53
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