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Ronald E. Cowles, Associate Deputy for  
Office of Labor-Management Relations (LMR)  
Department of Veterans Affairs, Suite 215  
810 Vermont Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20420

Subject: Demand to Bargain – VHA Advance Clinic Access

Dear Mr. Cowles:

In accordance with Article 44, Section 2 C, of the Master Agreement, the National VA Council is formally demanding to bargain over VHA Advanced Clinic Access in the Department. The Mid-Term Bargaining Committee is requesting a briefing over the cited subject above before sending any proposals. 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.  
If you have any questions please contact me at (217) 554-4866.

Sincerely,

Oscar L. Williams Jr.  
Chairperson, Mid-Term Bargaining Committee  
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