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

Subject: Demand to Bargain – VHA Handbook 1172.1 "Polytrauma Rehabilitation Procedures

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 Handbook 1172.1 in the Department. Please provide the above named bargaining committee with any information and/or data concerning the cited subject above. 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
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cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53
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