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Douglas Katcher, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary  
for Labor Management Relations (LMR)  
Department of Veterans Affairs, Suite 215  
810 Vermont Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20420

**Subject: VHA implementation of Traumatic Brain Injury Training**

Dear Mr. Katcher:

The National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain on VHA implementation traumatic brain injury training in the Department. Please provide the above named Mid-Term Bargaining Committee members with any information and/or data concerning the above cited subject. 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 further implementation until after 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  
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