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Daniel F. Hoffman, Network Director
Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN 6)
Department of Veterans Affairs
300 Morgan Street, Suite 1402
Durham, NC 27701

Subject: VISN #6 – Pilot Bright Idea Employee Suggestion Campaign

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

In accordance with Article 44, Section 2, C, of the Master Agreement, the National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain on the pilot Bright Idea Employee Suggestion Campaign for VISN 6 within the Department. Alma L. Lee, President will be naming a chief negotiator and team members. Please provide the named bargaining committee with any information and/or data concerning the 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 implementation until the bargaining obligations has been met. The named bargaining committee may request a briefing over the cited subject above, before sending any proposals. Please contact me at (217) 554-4866 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Oscar L. Williams, Jr.
Chairperson, Mid-Term Bargaining Committee
National VA Council #53

cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53
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