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Joanne M. Krumberger, Director
Department of Veterans Affairs
3710 Southwest US Veterans Hospital Road
Portland, OR 97239-2964

Subject: VISN 20 - Portland VA Medical Center Clinical Research Project Study
(AFGE Local 2157 and AFGE Local 2583)

Dear Ms. Krumberger:

National VA Council #53 is approving the Portland Clinical Research Project "A Patient-Centered Intervention to improve Opioid Safety for AFGE Local 2583 Vancouver Campus bargaining unit employees. AFGE Local 2157 bargaining unit employees on the Portland Campus should not be approached about participation in this Clinical Research Project. Please provide the NVAC and the AFGE Local 2583 with a copy of the results once completed.

If you have any questions please call me at (217) 554-4866.

Sincerely,

Oscar L. Williams, Jr.
Chairperson, Mid-Term Bargaining Committee
2nd Executive Vice President
National VA Council #53

cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53
Donald L. Fowler, 11th District Representative, NVAC

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