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Michael Picerno, Acting Executive Director  
Office of Labor Management Relations (LMR)  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
810 Vermont Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20420

Subject: COVID-19 Mask Use in the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Facilities

Dear Mr. Picerno:

In accordance with Article 47, Section 2, C, of the Master Agreement, the National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain on the COVID-19 Mask Use in the VHA Facilities as cited above within the Department. Please provide the NVAC's above named Mid-Term Bargaining Committee with any and/or all information/data concerning the cited above subject. The negotiations of this subject should normally begin no later than twenty (20) workdays after the Management's Chief Negotiator in this matter receives our demand to bargain.

Please cease and desist any implementation until the bargaining obligation has been met. The NVAC's Mid-Term Bargaining Committee may request a briefing over the cited subject above. If you have any questions, please call me at (217) 554-4866.

Sincerely,

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