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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: Guidance on COVID-19 Testing for Community Living Centers and Spinal
Cord Staff

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 Guidance on COVID-19 testing for Community Living Centers and Spinal Cord Staff 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) 670-9357.

Sincerely,

Oscar L. Williams, Jr.
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