



**AMERICAN FEDERATION OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES  
NATIONAL VETERANS AFFAIRS COUNCIL #53**

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Darwin G. Goodspeed, Director  
VA Medical Center Portland  
3710 Southwest US Veterans Hospital Road  
Portland, OR 97239

Subject: VISN 20 – VA Portland, HCS, EMS TL and Tour of Duty Changes  
(AFGE Local 2157 and AFGE Local 2583)

Dear Mr. Goodspeed:

In accordance with Article 47 Section 2 C., of the Master Agreement the National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain on VA Portland HCS, EMS TL and Tour of Duty Changes COVID Labor Pool Update as cited above in VISN 20 within the Department. Ms. Alma L. Lee, President of the National VA Council#53, will be naming the Union's Chief Negotiator and team members. Please provide the named Union's Chief Negotiator and Team Members with all information and/or data concerning the cited subject above. The negotiations of this subject matter should normally begin no later than twenty (20) workdays after the appropriate Management Chief Negotiator receives our demand to bargain.

Please cease and desist any implementation until the bargaining obligation has been met. The named bargaining team may request a briefing over the cited subject above. If you have any questions, please contact me at (217) 670-9357.

Sincerely,

Oscar L. Williams, Jr.  
Chairperson, Mid-Term Bargaining Committee  
2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Vice President  
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cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53  
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