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Office of Labor Management Relations (LMR)  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
810 Vermont Avenue, NW  
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Subject: VHA's Veterans Crisis Line Updated SOP Staff Returning to Independent Work after  
Leave of Absence

Dear Ms. Biaggi-Ayer:

In accordance with Article 47, Section 2, C, of the Master Agreement, the National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain on the VHA's Veterans Crisis Line Updated Staff Returning to Independent Work after Leave of Absence as cited above within the Department. Please provide the NVAC's Mid-Term Bargaining Committee with any/all information/data concerning the cited subject above. 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 above named NVAC's Mid-Term Bargaining Team may be requesting a briefing over the cited subject above, before sending any proposals. If you have any questions, please call me at (217) 554-4979.

Sincerely,

Oscar L. Williams, Jr.  
Chairperson, Mid-Term Bargaining Committee  
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cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53  
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