

**IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR VETERANS CLAIMS**

WILLIAM D. COWAN,	)	
	)	
Appellant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Vet. App. No. 20-6227
	)	
DENIS McDONOUGH,	)	
Secretary of Veterans Affairs,	)	
	)	
Appellee.	)	

**APPELLEE’S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME UNTIL  
MARCH 30, 2022, TO RESPOND TO THE COURT’S ORDER  
DATED MARCH 2, 2022**

Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. R. 26(b), the Secretary respectfully requests a 14-day extension of time until March 30, 2022, to file a response to the Court’s Order dated March 2, 2022. The Order directed the Secretary to respond within 14 days to several questions posed by the Court. If not for this motion, the Secretary’s response would be due on March 16, 2022.

The request for more time is being made because of the undersigned attorney’s workload and to allow sufficient time for coordination with Agency stakeholders and supervisory review. The undersigned counsel expresses regret to the Court and Appellant for any inconvenience caused by the delay in filing the Secretary’s response, but in light of these circumstances, a 14-day extension of time is requested for the Secretary to prepare an appropriate response.

Appellee has previously been granted 0 days extension for this action, and a total of 45 days extension in the case thus far. Appellant has been granted 0

days extension for this action, and 135 days extension in the case thus far. Counsel for Appellant does not oppose this motion.

**WHEREFORE**, the Secretary respectfully moves the Court for a 14-day extension of time until March 30, 2022, to file a response to the Court Order dated March 2, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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