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

MARK FREUND AND MARY S. MATHEWSON,	
Petitioner,	
V.	
<b>DENIS MCDONOUGH</b> , Secretary of Veterans Affairs,	

Respondent.

Vet.App. No. 21-4168

## RESPONDENT'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR STAY OF PROCEEDINGS UNTIL DECEMBER 9, 2024

Pursuant to U.S. Vet.App. R. 5 and 45(g)(5), Respondent, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, respectfully moves the Court for a 30-day stay of proceedings, until December 9, 2024.

Good cause exists for this motion for stay of proceedings. In the November 4, 2024, Order, the Court ordered Petitioner to file a supplemental memorandum within 30 days of the Order, ordered the Secretary to file a supplemental memorandum in response within 30 days of Petitioner's filing, and ordered the Petitioner to filed a reply to the Secretary's supplemental memorandum within 14 days of the Secretary's filing. The parties are currently in the process of discussing a possible alternative disposition of this case which may be mutually agreeable and may conserve the resources of this Court. As this process will not be completed until after Petitioner's supplemental memorandum is due, a stay of proceedings is needed. Petitioner is unopposed to this motion.

WHEREFORE, Respondent, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, respectfully

moves the Court for a 30-day stay of proceedings, until December 9, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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