

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

<b>THOMAS I. LYLES, JR.,</b>	)	
	)	
Appellant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Vet. App. No. 16-0994
	)	
<b>DAVID J. SHULKIN, M.D.,</b>	)	
Secretary of Veterans Affairs,	)	
	)	
Appellee.	)	

**APPELLEE'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME  
TO RESPOND TO APPELLANT'S EAJA APPLICATION  
UNTIL MAY 10, 2018**

Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. R. 26(b), Appellee David J. Shulkin, M.D., Secretary of Veterans Affairs, respectfully requests a 45-day extension within which to file in response to the Appellant's Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA) application for award of reasonable attorney fees and expenses in this case, which is due on March 26, 2018.

The request for more time is being made because of Appellate Attorney's current deadlines and workload considerations in other cases pending before the Court, and the need for internal coordination, which precluded completion of Appellee's response at this time.

On behalf of the Secretary, counsel expresses regret to the Court and the Appellant for any inconvenience caused by the delay in filing a

response to the EAJA application. However, in view of the aforesaid circumstances, an extension of 45 days, until May 10, 2018, is requested.

Neither party has previously been granted any days of extension in this EAJA case thus far.

Counsel for the Appellant does not oppose this motion.

**WHEREFORE**, Appellee David J. Shulkin, M.D., Secretary of Veterans Affairs, respectfully moves the Court to grant a 45-day extension of time until May 10, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

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