IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

DEMETRIUS L. SMITH,	)	
Appellant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Vet.App. No. 18-7265
	)	
ROBERT L. WILKIE,	)	
Secretary of Veterans Affairs,	)	
Appellee.	)	

APPELLEE'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO APPELLANT'S BRIEF UNTIL OCTOBER 28, 2019

Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. R. 26(b), 27, and 45(g), Appellee, Robert L. Wilkie, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, respectfully moves the Court for a forty-five day extension of time within which to respond to Appellant's Brief. If not for this motion, the Secretary's response would be due on September 13, 2019.

The request for more time is being made because of substantial workload and to obtain supervisory review. Therefore, in order to allow the undersigned counsel sufficient time to provide a thoughtful and thorough response to Appellant's brief in this case, he respectfully requests a forty-five day extension.

Appellant has been granted forty-five days of extension time. The Secretary has not been granted any extension time thus far. On behalf of the Secretary, counsel expresses regret to the Court and Appellant for any inconvenience caused by the delay in filing the Secretary's response. However, in view of the above, an extension of forty-five days, until October 28, 2019, is requested.

Counsel for Appellant is unopposed to this motion.

WHEREFORE, Appellee, Robert L Wilkie, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, respectfully moves the Court for an extension of time to file a response to Appellant's Brief, until October 28, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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