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

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| STEPHEN E. WILLIAMS,<br><br>Appellant,<br><br>v.<br><br>ROBERT L. WILKIE,<br>Secretary of Veterans Affairs,<br><br>Appellee. | )<br>)<br>)<br>)<br>)<br>)<br>)<br>)<br>)<br>) | Vet. App. No. 19-1491 |

**APPELLEE'S MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME**
**TO RESPOND TO APPELLANT'S BRIEF**
**UNTIL NOVEMBER 7, 2019**

Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. R. 26(b), Appellee, Robert L. Wilkie, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, respectfully moves the Court for a 45-day extension of time within which to respond to Appellant's Brief. If not for this motion, the Secretary's brief would be due on September 23, 2019.

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, which precluded completion of Appellee's brief at this time.

Appellant has previously been granted 45 days of extension time related to his response to the Record Before the Agency. Appellee has not been granted any days of extension in the case 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 aforesaid circumstances, an extension of 45 days, until November 7, 2019, is requested.

Appellant is proceeding *pro se* in this matter.

**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 November 7, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

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