

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

**PATRICK RODRIGUEZ,**

Appellant,

v.

**ROBERT L. WILKIE,**  
Secretary of Veterans Affairs,

Appellee.

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Vet. App. No. 19-0287

**APPELLEE’S MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO  
APPELLANT’S BRIEF UNTIL NOVEMBER 15, 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 response would be due on October 1, 2019.

The request for more time is being made because of the undersigned attorney’s extensive professional responsibilities and to allow additional supervisory review. Appellant previously requested a 45-day extension to file her brief. The Secretary has not previously requested an extension for any action in this case. 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.

Appellant is unopposed to this motion.

**WHEREFORE**, Appellee, Robert L. Wilkie, Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs, respectfully moves the Court for an extension of time to file a response to Appellant's Brief, until November 15, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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