

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

SAM RAY STAGGS,

Appellant,

v.

ROBERT L. WILKIE,

Secretary of Veterans Affairs,

Appellee.

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Vet. App. No. 19-2412

**APPELLEE'S MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME
TO RESPOND TO APPELLANT'S BRIEF UNTIL NOVEMBER 18, 2019**

Pursuant to U.S. Vet.App. R. 26(b) and 27(a), 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 October 4, 2019.

Good cause exists for an extension of time. The request is being made because of current deadlines and workload considerations in other cases pending before the Court, which preclude completion of the Secretary's brief at this time. On behalf of the Secretary, counsel expresses regret to the Court and Appellant for any inconvenience caused by this delay. However, in view of the aforesaid circumstances, an extension of forty-five days, or until November 18, 2019, is requested.

Neither Appellant nor Appellee has received any days of extension of time in this case thus far.

Appellant proceeds *pro se* in this matter and therefore has not been contacted regarding this motion.

WHEREFORE, Appellee, Robert L. Wilkie, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, respectfully moves the Court for an extension of time until November 18, 2019, to file a response to Appellant's brief.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

On October 3, 2019, a copy of the foregoing was mailed postage prepaid to:

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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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