

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

**DAVID L. BAUGHMAN,**

Appellant,

v.

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

Appellee.

Vet. App. No. 18-7225

**MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME, UNTIL DECEMBER 19, 2019,  
TO FILE APPELLEE'S BRIEF**

Pursuant to VET. APP. R. 26(b), 27, and 45(g)(4), Appellee, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, respectfully moves the Court for a 45-day extension of time within which to file his brief. If not for this motion, Appellee's brief would be due November 4, 2019.

The Secretary seeks an extension until December 19, 2019. Counsel for Appellee states the following as cause for this motion: Since Appellant's brief was filed, counsel has filed numerous pleadings and prepared for and participated in at multiple pre-briefing conference with the Court's Central Legal Staff. Counsel has also been focused on meeting the filing dates in a number of other matters, including numerous briefs, and, as a result, has not yet had the opportunity to extensively review and properly respond to Appellant's arguments.

Appellee has previously been granted 0 days of extension in this case. Appellant has been granted 83 days of extension in the case.

Appellant is proceeding *pro se* in this appeal.

**Wherefore**, Appellee respectfully moves the Court to grant an extension of time until November December 19, 2019, in which to file his brief.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify under possible penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that on November 4, 2019, a copy of the foregoing was mailed, postage prepaid, to:

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