

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

<b>HUGH J. DAVIS, JR.,</b>	)	
	)	
Appellant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Vet. App. No. 19-0746
	)	
<b>ROBERT L. WILKIE,</b>	)	
Secretary of Veterans Affairs,	)	
	)	
Appellee.	)	

**APPELLEE’S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION  
OF TIME TO RESPOND TO APPELLANT’S BRIEF  
UNTIL DECEMBER 23, 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 November 8, 2019.

This additional time is needed because of undersigned counsel’s current deadlines and workload considerations in other cases pending before the Court, which preclude completion of Appellee’s response at this time.

Appellee has not previously been granted any days of extension in the case thus far. Appellant has been previously granted 45 days of extension 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 December 23, 2019, is requested.

Appellant's counsel 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 December 23, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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