

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

STACEY D. DUFFEY,	)	
	)	
Appellant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Vet.App. No. 19-4123
	)	
ROBERT L. WILKIE,	)	
Secretary of Veterans Affairs,	)	
	)	
Appellee.	)	

**APPELLEE’S MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME
TO RESPOND TO APPELLANT’S BRIEF
UNTIL JANUARY 16, 2020**

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 December 2, 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 preclude completion of Appellee’s response at this time.

Neither Appellant nor Appellee have requested 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

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Secretary's response. However, in view of the aforesaid circumstances, an extension of 45 days, until January 16, 2020, is requested.

Appellant is acting *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 January 16, 2020.

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 December 2, 2019, a copy of the foregoing was mailed postage prepaid to:

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