IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

JOHNNY R. MARTINEZ, Appellant, v. ROBERT L. WILKIE, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Appellee.	))))))))))	Vet. App. No. 19-4135

APPELLEE'S MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO APPELLANT'S INFORMAL BRIEF UNTIL JANUARY 23, 2020

Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. R. 26(b), Appellee, Robert L. Wilkie, Secretary of Veterans Affairs ("Secretary"), 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 9, 2019.

This additional time is needed because Appellee's Attorney's current deadlines and workload considerations in other cases pending before the Court as well as previously scheduled holiday leave precludes completion of Appellee's response at this time.

Accordingly, Appellee respectfully submits that good cause for this motion exists and requests that the Court grant a 45-day extension of time until January 23, 2020. Appellee has been previously granted 0-days of extension in the case thus far and Appellant has been granted 0-days of extension in the 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. However, in view of the aforesaid circumstances, an extension of 45 days, until January 23, 2020, is requested.

Appellant is pro se.

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 23, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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