

**WHEREFORE**, the Secretary respectfully requests that the Court grant the Secretary's motion for an extension of time, until January 23, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

On October 4, 2019, a copy of the foregoing was mailed, postage prepaid,  
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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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