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

LENZY LOFTON,	)	
Appellant,	)	
	)	
V.	)	Vet. App. No. 19-1975
_	)	
ROBERT L. WILKIE,	)	
Secretary of Veterans Affairs,	)	
Appellee.	)	

## APPELLEE'S MOTION FOR A 45-DAY EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO APPELLANT'S BRIEF, UNTIL JANUARY 23, 2020

Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. R. 26, 27, and 45(g), the Secretary respectfully moves the Court for a 45-day extension of time to file his brief and, as grounds therefor, states that the request for additional time is being made because of the undersigned attorney's extensive professional responsibilities and therefore additional time is needed to draft the brief and submit the brief for supervisory review.

In compliance with Rule 26, the Secretary states: the Secretary's brief is due to be filed on December 9, 2019; the Secretary has not taken any prior extensions; and Appellant has not taken any prior extensions. Appellant is a pro se appellant.

**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 December 5, 2019, a copy of the foregoing was mailed postage prepaid to:

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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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