

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

JOHN J. MULL,

Appellant,

v.

ROBERT L. WILKIE,

Secretary of Veterans Affairs,

Appellee.

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Vet. App. No. 19-3992

**APPELLEE’S MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO
APPELLANT’S BRIEF UNTIL FEBRUARY 6, 2020**

Pursuant to U.S. Vet.App. R. 26(b), and 27(a), 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 Brief would be due on December 23, 2019.

Good cause exists for this motion for an extension of time. The request for more time is being made because of current deadlines and workload considerations in other cases pending before the Court, which preclude completion of the Secretary’s response at this time. Accordingly, the undersigned will need additional time to review the matter and prepare an appropriate response.

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 forty-five days, until February 6, 2020, is requested.

Appellee has not received any days of extension of time in this case thus far. Appellant is proceeding pro se and has not received any days of extension thus far.

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 February 6, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

On the 20th day of December 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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