

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

<b>RICHARD F. CARTNEY,</b>	)	
	)	
Appellant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Vet. App. No. 19-3502
	)	
<b>ROBERT L. WILKIE,</b>	)	
Secretary of Veterans Affairs,	)	
	)	
Appellee.	)	

**APPELLEE’S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO  
RESPOND TO APPELLANT’S BRIEF UNTIL FEBRYARY 20, 2020**

Pursuant to U.S. Vet.App. R. 26(b), 27(a), and 45(g), 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 January 6, 2020.

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 20, 2020, is requested.

Appellee has not received any days of extension of time in this case thus far. Appellant has not received any days of extension of time in this case thus far.

Counsel for Appellant has been contacted and is not opposed to this motion.

**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 20, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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