

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

ANDREW MORRISON,)	
)	
Appellant,)	
)	
v.)	Vet. App. No. 19-5066
)	
ROBERT L. WILKIE,)	
Secretary of Veterans Affairs,)	
)	
Appellee.)	

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

Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. R. 26(b), 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 response would have been due on January 6, 2020.

This additional time is needed because of undersigned counsel’s current deadlines and workload considerations in other cases pending before the Court, which precluded completion of Appellee’s response at this time.

Neither party has previously been granted any days of extension in the case thus far.

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 February 20, 2020, is requested.

Appellant is acting *pro se* in this matter.

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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On the 6TH day of January, 2020, 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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