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

Appellant,	)
٧.	) ) Vet.App. No. 19-1788
ROBERT L. WILKIE,	)
Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Appellee.	)

## APPELLEE'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO APPELLANT'S BRIEF UNTIL FEBRUARY 13, 2020

Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. R. 26(b), 27, 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 response would be due on December 30, 2019.

This request for additional time is made in light of lead counsel's workload considerations, and to obtain supervisory review and approval.

As of the date of this motion, Apellant was previously granted 45 days of additional time. Appellee has not previously sought an extension of his time for any filing in this case. On behalf of the Secretary, counsel expresses regret to the Court and to 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 13, 2019, is requested.

Appellant's counsel has been consulted with respect to this motion and has advised that Appellant is unopposed to this motion for extension.

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 13, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM A. HUDSON, JR. Acting General Counsel

MARY ANN FLYNN Chief Counsel

/s/ Selket N. Cottle
SELKET N. COTTLE
Deputy Chief Counsel

(202) 632-5357

/s/ Alejandro Diaz-Ferguson
ALEJANDRO DIAZ-FERGUSON
Appellate Attorney
Office of General Counsel (027I)
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20420

Attorneys for Appellee Secretary of Veterans Affairs