IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

SIDNEY F. MEDFORD,)
Appellant,)))
V.)) Vet. App. No. 19-2247
ROBERT L. WILKIE, Secretary of Veterans Affairs,))
Appellee.)

APPELLEE'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO APPELLANT'S BRIEF UNTIL MARCH 9, 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 be due on December 20, 2019.

The request for more time is being made because of current deadlines and workload considerations in other cases pending before the Court. Appellant has been granted 45 days of extension time in this case. Appellee 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. 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 March 9, 2020, is requested.

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 March 9, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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