

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

MARGARET RATHKA,)	
)	
Appellant,)	
)	
v.)	Vet. App. No. 19-3419
)	
ROBERT L. WILKIE,)	
Secretary of Veterans Affairs,)	
)	
Appellee.)	

**APPELLEE’S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME UNTIL
FEBRUARY 26, 2020, TO RESPOND TO APPELLANT’S BRIEF**

Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. R. 26(b), Appellee, Robert L. Wilkie, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, respectfully moves the Court for a 15-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 February 11, 2020.

The request for additional time is being made because of the undersigned attorney’s extensive professional responsibilities and to allow additional supervisory review.

Appellee has previously been granted 0-days extension for this action, and a total of 45-days extension in the case thus far. Appellant has been granted 0-days 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.

Counsel for the Appellant does not oppose 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 26, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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