UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

| RAUL V. CARDENAS, |) | |
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| Appellant, |) | |
| rippenant, |) | |
| v. |) | Vet. App. No. 19-1788 |
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| ROBERT L. WILKIE, |) | |
| Secretary of Veterans Affairs, |) | |
| |) | |
| Appellee. |) | |

APPELLANT'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR A 45-DAY EXTENSION OF TIME, UNTIL APRIL 13, 2020, TO FILE APPELLANT'S REPLY BRIEF

Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. R. 26(b), Appellant respectfully requests a 45-day extension of time, until Monday, April 13, 2020, to file Appellant's reply brief. But for this Motion, Appellant's reply brief would be due to be filed with the Clerk of the Court no later than February 27, 2020.

In the case to date, on September 11, 2019, Appellant filed a motion for a forty-five day extension of time to file the initial brief, which the Court granted. Additionally, on January 13, 2020, Appellee filed a motion for leave to file a motion for an extension of time to file the responsive brief out of time, which the Court granted. Subsequently, on January 14, 2020, Appellee filed a motion for a forty-five day extension of time to file the responsive brief, which the Court granted.

This extension of time is required due to the competing professional commitments of Appellant's counsel. Additional time is needed for research, preparation, and supervisory review of Appellant's reply brief. Appellant's counsel apologizes for any

inconvenience caused by this delay.

Counsel for the Secretary has advised the undersigned that the Secretary is **unopposed** to this motion.

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests that the Court grant this motion for an extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: February 26, 2020 /s/ Caitlin M. Milo

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