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

SARAH E. NAPORA,	)
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Petitioner,	)
	)
v.	) Vet. App. No. 20-1187
	)
ROBERT L. WILKIE,	)
Secretary of Veterans Affairs,	)
	)
Respondent.	)

RESPONDENT'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME, UNTIL APRIL 24, 2020, TO RESPOND TO ORDER OF COURT DATED FEBRUARY 24, 2020.

Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. R. 26(b), the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Secretary), respectfully requests a thirty (30)-day extension of time, until April 24, 2020, within which to file the Secretary's response to the petition for extraordinary relief in the nature of a writ of mandamus, in the above-captioned case, as directed by a Order of Court dated February 24, 2020. The Secretary's response would otherwise be due March 25, 2020.

The Secretary submits that good cause exists for this motion for an extension. Counsel for the Secretary has been in contact with various staff of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Regional Office (RO) in St. Petersburg, Florida. Given current in-office staffing shortages, additional time is needed to obtain relevant evidence, craft a thorough response to Appellant's petition, and obtain supervisory review.

Appellant is unopposed to this extension.

Counsel for the Secretary regrets any inconvenience resulting from this delay. Neither party has requested any days of extension in the case thus far.

WHEREFORE, Respondent, respectfully moves the Court for a thirty (30)-day extension of time to file a response to the petition for extraordinary relief, as requested in the Order of Court dated February 24, 2020, until April 24, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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