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

No. 20-2144

LANCE DAVID WILLIAMS,

PETITIONER,

v.

ROBERT L. WILKIE,  
SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS,

RESPONDENT.

Before BARTLEY, *Chief Judge*.

**ORDER**

*Note: Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. R. 30(a),  
this action may not be cited as precedent.*

On March 26, 2020, veteran Lance David Williams filed through counsel a petition for extraordinary relief in the nature of a writ of mandamus. Mr. Williams asserts that a writ of mandamus is necessary to compel the Los Angeles VA regional office (RO) to issue a decision regarding his appealed claims for earlier effective dates and increased disability evaluations for (1) hearing loss, (2) post-traumatic stress disorder, (3) shingles, (4) right shin splints, (5) left shin splints, (6) tinnitus, and (7) stress fracture and toe contusion, right foot; claims for service connection for (1) patellofemoral pain syndrome, left knee, (2) hand, foot, and mouth disease, (3) migraines, (4) sleep apnea syndrome, (5) right shoulder condition, (6) mild chronic thoracolumbar strain, (7) patellofemoral pain syndrome, right knee; and a claim for entitlement to TDIU. On January 23, 2018, the RO held a hearing before a Decision Review Officer. In October 2018, Mr. Williams contacted VA requesting the RO act on his appeal. He subsequently sent two additional letters requesting this relief in February 2019 and March 2019 without response. According to Mr. Williams, VA has taken no action on his appeal in 26 months.

In order to address Mr. Williams's assertions, the Court requires additional information from the Secretary. *See* U.S. VET. APP. R. 21(d).

Upon consideration of the foregoing, it is

ORDERED that the Secretary, within 30 days after the date of this order, file a response to the petition, addressing the specific allegations contained therein and providing any documentation pertinent to the Court's resolution of this matter.

DATED: March 27, 2020

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Margaret Bartley", is written over the printed name.

MARGARET BARTLEY  
Chief Judge

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