


# MOTION GRANTED



May 1, 2020

William G. Young  
Judge

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

**MIKE STEEN,**

Petitioner,

v.

**ROBERT L. WILKIE,**  
Secretary of Veterans Affairs,

Respondent.

Vet. App. No. 20-2420

### RESPONDENT'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR A 14-DAY EXTENSION OF TIME, UNTIL MAY 15, 2020, TO RESPOND TO THE COURT'S ORDER DATED APRIL 17, 2020, REQUESTING A RESPONSE THE PETITION FOR EXTRAORDINARY RELIEF

Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. R. 26(b), Respondent, Robert L. Wilkie, Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Secretary), respectfully requests a 14-day extension of time, until May 15, 2020, in which to file the Secretary's response to the petition for extraordinary relief in the nature of a writ of mandamus as directed in the Court's April 17, 2020, Order. The Secretary's response is due on or before May 1, 2020.

The Secretary submits that good cause exists for this motion. The underlying relief sought in the petition for extraordinary relief raised questions that require the Secretary to consult with other stakeholders within VA in light of the nature of the issues presented. The Secretary is conducting the necessary intra-agency coordination in order to provide the

Court with a thorough and accurate response. Consequently, the Secretary asserts that a good faith reason exists for this motion.

Counsel for the Secretary regrets any inconvenience resulting from this delay. This motion is the first motion for an extension requested by either party in the case.

Petitioner's counsel is unopposed to this motion.

**WHEREFORE**, Respondent, Robert L. Wilkie, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, respectfully moves the Court for a 14-day extension of time to file a response to the petition for extraordinary relief, as requested in the Court's April 17, 2020, Order, until May 15, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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