

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

<b>DIMAS M. VALENTIN,</b>	)	
	)	
Appellant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Vet. App. No. 18-7310-EAJA
	)	
<b>ROBERT L. WILKIE,</b>	)	
Secretary of Veterans Affairs,	)	
	)	
Appellee.	)	

**APPELLEE'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR A 45-DAY EXTENSION OF  
TIME, UNTIL OCTOBER 13, 2020, TO RESPOND TO APPELLANT'S  
APPLICATION FOR ATTORNEY FEES AND EXPENSES**

Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. R. 26(b), 27(a), and 45(g), Appellee, respectfully moves this Court for an extension of time, until October 13, 2020, to respond to Appellant's Application for Attorney Fees and Expenses. But for this motion, the Secretary's response would be due no later than August 27, 2020.

Additional time is required for Appellee to respond to Appellant's EAJA application. The undersigned counsel will be out of the office for several days due to scheduled leave. The Secretary's counsel has also had a heavy workload during the past month, including preparing for and/or participating in briefing conferences, and drafting and/or filing briefs, remand motions, and responses to attorney fee applications. Therefore, additional time is necessary to complete Appellee's response to Appellant's EAJA application.

The Secretary has not been granted any extensions for this action and in the EAJA case thus far. Appellant has not filed any previous motions for extension in this EAJA case.

Appellant is unopposed to this motion.

**WHEREFORE**, the Appellee, Robert L. Wilkie, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, respectfully moves the Court for an extension of time, until October 13, 2020, to file a response to the Appellant's Application for Attorney Fees and Expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

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