IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

JERRIAN O. LOCKETT , Appellant,	
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ROBERT L. WILKIE , Secretary of Veterans Affairs,	

Appellee.

Vet.App. No. 18-4499

APPELLEE'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO APPELLANT'S APPLICATION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES UNDER EAJA UNTIL OCTOBER 29, 2020

Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. R. 26(b), Appellee, Robert L. Wilkie, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, respectfully moves the Court for a 45-day extension of time within which to respond to Appellant's Application for Attorneys' Fees Under EAJA. If not for this motion, the Secretary's response would be due on September 14, 2020.

The request for more time is being made because of the undersigned's current deadlines and workload considerations in other cases pending before the Court, which preclude completion of Appellee's response at this time. Appellant is not opposed to this motion.

Neither party has previously been granted any days of extension in the EAJA stage of this case thus far. On behalf of the Secretary, counsel expresses regret to the Court and Appellant for any inconvenience caused by the delay in filing the Secretary's response. However, in view of the aforesaid circumstances, an extension of 45 days, until October 29, 2020, is requested.

WHEREFORE, Appellee Robert L. Wilkie, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, respectfully moves the Court for an extension of time to file a response to Appellant's Application for Attorney's fees, until October 29, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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