


Margaret Bartley  
Chief Judge

September 1, 2021

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

**JOHN B. WELLS,**  
Petitioner,

v.

**DENIS MCDONOUGH,**  
Secretary of Veterans Affairs,  
Respondent.

Vet. App. No. 20-5221

**RESPONDENT'S MOTION FOR A 15-DAY EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE  
THE SECRETARY'S RESPONSE TO THE COURT'S AUGUST 12, 2021,  
ORDER, UNTIL SEPTEMBER 17, 2021**

Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. R. 26 and 27, the Secretary respectfully moves the Court for a 15-day extension of time to file his response to the Court's August 12, 2021, Order, and, as good cause therefor, states the following: undersigned counsel was on previously scheduled leave the week of August 16-20, 2021, and is currently awaiting information from multiple sources.

In compliance with Rule 26, the Secretary states: his response the Court's order is due to be filed September 2, 2021; Petitioner has not requested any extension in this case; the Secretary has received 30 days of extension in this case with none being for the instant pleading; and Petitioner has been contacted but has not informed undersigned of his position regarding this motion.

**WHEREFORE**, the Secretary respectfully requests that the Court grant the Secretary's motion for an extension of time, until September 17, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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