

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

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| <b>CHAUNCEY OKAMURA,</b>       | ) |                       |
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| Appellant,                     | ) |                       |
|                                | ) | Vet.App. 20-3229 EAJA |
| v.                             | ) |                       |
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| <b>DENIS MCDONOUGH,</b>        | ) |                       |
| Secretary of Veterans Affairs, | ) |                       |
|                                | ) |                       |
| Appellee.                      | ) |                       |

**APPELLEE'S UNOPPOSED MOTION, FOR A 45-DAY EXTENSION OF  
TIME, UNTIL MAY 5, 2022, TO RESPOND TO  
APPELLANT'S EAJA APPLICATION**

Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. Rules 26, 27 and 45, Denis McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs ("Secretary" or "Appellee"), respectfully moves this Court for a 45-day extension of time, until May 5, 2022, to respond to the Appellant's Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA) Application. Appellant filed his EAJA application on February 18, 2022. Therefore, the Secretary's response to the application is due thirty days later on March 21, 2022. The Secretary now avers that good cause exists for an extension of time due to the need for additional time to review the EAJA application, and acquire supervisory review of the EAJA application, due to a very large case load and competing work.

Given the foregoing, the Secretary contends that good cause exists for an extension of 45 days in which to respond to Appellant's EAJA application. Pursuant to Rule 26(b)(1)(C) and (D), the Secretary hereby

informs the Court that Appellant has not been granted any extensions of time with regards to this application, and that the Secretary has previously been granted 0 days of extension time relating to this EAJA application. Appellant's counsel was contacted by e-mail regarding this motion, and she is unopposed to it.

**WHEREFORE**, the Secretary respectfully requests an extension of time until May 5, 2022, to respond to the Appellant's EAJA Application.

Respectfully Submitted,

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