

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

STEPHANIE L. WATKINS,)	
)	
Appellant,)	
)	
v.)	Vet. App. No. 20-5612
)	
DENIS MCDONOUGH,)	
Secretary of Veterans Affairs,)	
)	
Appellee.)	

**APPELLEE’S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME UNTIL
NOVEMBER 7, 2022, TO FILE APPELLEE’S RESPONSE TO APPELLANT’S
APPLICATION FOR FEES UNDER THE EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE ACT**

Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. R. 26(b), Appellee, Denis McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Secretary), respectfully requests a 30-day extension of time within which to file the Secretary’s Response to Appellant’s Application for fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA) in the above-captioned case, which is due on or before October 5, 2022.

The request for additional time is being made because of the undersigned attorney’s extensive professional responsibilities and to allow additional supervisory review.

On behalf of the Secretary, counsel expresses regret to the Court and the Appellant for any inconvenience caused by the delay in filing the response to the EAJA application. Neither party has previously been granted any days of extension in the EAJA stage of this case thus far.

Counsel for the Appellant does not oppose this motion.

WHEREFORE, Appellee, Denis McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, respectfully moves the Court for an extension of time to file Appellee's Response to Appellant's EAJA Application, until November 7, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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