

[ORAL ARGUMENT NOT YET SCHEDULED]

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

ACCURACY IN MEDIA, et al.,

Appellees,

ROGER L. ARONOFF,

Appellant,

v.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE,
et al.,

Appellees.

No. 24-5165

**UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
BRIEF OF APPELLEES**

Pursuant to Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure 26(b) and 27, the government respectfully moves for a 30-day extension of time to and including March 20, 2025, to file its brief in the above-captioned appeal. Plaintiff-appellant consents to this request.

1. The Court entered a scheduling order setting the deadline for the appellant's opening brief as November 18, 2024. Following two

unopposed 30-day extension requests, which this Court granted, appellant filed his opening brief on January 17, 2024.

2. The government has not previously sought or received any extensions of time in this case. The extension of time is necessary to allow appellate counsel adequate time to prepare the government's response and to coordinate with agency counsel, given other deadlines. Urja Mittal, the lead government attorney in this case, is responsible for a variety of internal deadlines as well as the briefing in *Palacio v. Food & Drug Administration*, No. 24-12446 (11th Cir.) (brief due Mar. 3, 2025). Additionally, Sharon Swingle, the reviewing attorney with supervisory responsibility for this case, is supervising briefing and oral argument in the following other cases with upcoming deadlines: *U.S. Steel Corp. v. Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States*, No. 25-1004 (D.C. Cir.) (brief due Mar. 3, 2025); *Koletas v. United States*, No. 24-10545 (11th Cir.) (argument Mar. 4, 2025); *Muir v. Department of Homeland Security*, No. 22-1318 (D.C. Cir.) (argument Mar. 14, 2025); *Wilson v. Payne*, No. 24-3064 (10th Cir.) (argument Mar. 18, 2025).

3. Counsel for the government has consulted with counsel for appellant, who consents to this extension request. The requested extension will not appreciably delay the resolution of this case, and counsel will exercise diligence in preparing the brief within the time requested.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the government respectfully requests that the Court grant this unopposed motion for an extension of time, to and including March 20, 2025, to file its response brief.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 32(g)(1), I hereby certify that this motion complies with Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 27(d)(1)(E) because it was prepared with Century Schoolbook 14-point, a proportionally spaced font with serifs, and the motion complies with Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 27(d)(2) because it contains 317 words, according to the word count of Microsoft Word.

/s/ Urja Mittal
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