

**IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FEDERAL CIRCUIT**

SHERMAN S. STARTZ, JR.,
Petitioner,

v.

Docket No. 25-1375

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY,
Respondent.

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE REPLY BRIEF

Petitioner Sherman S. Startz, Jr., appearing pro se, respectfully moves this Court for an extension until June 30th, 2025, to file a reply brief. In support of this motion, Petitioner states:

1. Petitioner has submitted a detailed Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Defense Office of Inspector General (DoD OIG) -- Submission ID 2014456, Department of Army -- Submission ID 2014616 and Defense Contract Management Agency -- Submission ID 2020181; and Army CID Submission ID -- FA25-2182; and a few more agencies and offices with potential knowledge in this case, seeking records directly related to whistleblower disclosures and contractor fraud involving personnel and entities at Fort Wainwright, Alaska. To date Army CID has responded with no criminal records and pointed to DoD OIG for notable records on file.
2. The FOIA requests targets previously unavailable evidence which appears to implicate serious violations including procurement fraud, misappropriation of government funds, retaliation, and related conduct that may fall under federal statutes beyond those currently at issue, including the False Claims Act, EEO Violations, Conspiracy Against Civil Rights, and Anti-Trust Sherman Act violations. DoD OIG closure letter supports this recent development; received on 3/19/2025 which included instructions on the FOIA process and which agencies to contact.
3. The material expected from the FOIA response is not speculative: it arises from specific hotline submissions already confirmed in correspondence with oversight offices. These documents are anticipated to affect both the factual and legal aspects of

the current appeal and provide the evidence needed to change the Respondents Informal Brief and may further support grounds for motion to remand.

4. Petitioner has notified Respondent's counsel of this development in advance. Counsel requested notice of any motion filed and intended date; which was provided. No opposition has been indicated as of the time of this filing.
5. Considering this pending evidence, I would like to inform the Court Petitioner remains open to potential resolution of the matter through informal settlement discussions.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner respectfully requests that the Court grant an extension until June 30, 2025, for the filing of a reply brief.

Respectfully submitted,

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