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IN RE: Petitioner:
Beneficiary: [redacted]

Petition: Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker as an Alien of Extraordinary Ability Pursuant to Section 203(b)(1)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1153(b)(1)(A)

IN BEHALF OF PETITIONER:

SELF-REPRESENTED

INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision in your case. All documents have been returned to the office that originally decided your case. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

Robert P. Wiemann, Director
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The employment based immigrant visa petition was denied by the Director, California Service Center, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office ("AAO") on appeal. The appeal will be rejected.

The petitioner seeks to classify the beneficiary pursuant to section 203(b)(1)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1153(b)(1)(A), as an alien of extraordinary ability in athletics. The petitioner seeks to employ the beneficiary as a Hockey Coach/Director of Hockey Operations. The director determined the petitioner had not established that the beneficiary has earned the sustained national or international acclaim necessary to qualify for classification as an alien of extraordinary ability.

The Notice of Appeal, Form I-290B, indicates that attorney [redacted] represents the beneficiary. On November 20, 2002, she filed the appeal in the beneficiary's behalf. It is noted that the record contains no Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Representative, to establish that she represents either party in this matter.

The beneficiary's appeal included no documentation from the petitioner. Furthermore, it did not specifically address the reasons stated for denial or provide any additional evidence.

Counsel indicated that a brief and/or evidence would be submitted to the AAO within thirty days. Counsel dated the appeal November 12, 2002. As of this date, more than seven months later, the AAO has received nothing further.

8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a) (1) (iii) states, in pertinent part:

> (B) *Meaning of affected party.* For purposes of this section and sections 103.4 and 103.5 of this part, *affected party* (in addition to the Service) means the person or entity with legal standing in a proceeding. It does not include the beneficiary of a visa petition.

8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a) (2) (v) states:

> *Improperly filed appeal -- (A) Appeal filed by person or entity not entitled to file it -- (1) Rejection without refund of filing fee.* An appeal filed by a person or entity not entitled to file it must be rejected as improperly filed. In such a case, any filing fee the Service has accepted will not be refunded.

The appeal has not been filed by the petitioner, nor by any entity with legal standing in the proceeding, but rather by an individual claiming to represent the beneficiary. Therefore, the appeal has not been properly filed, and must be rejected.

ORDER: The appeal is rejected.