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File: [Redacted] Office: VERMONT SERVICE CENTER Date: 2 DEC 2002

IN RE: Petitioner: [Redacted]
Beneficiary: [Redacted]

Petition: Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker as a Skilled Worker or Professional Pursuant to Section 203(b)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. 1153(b)(3)

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IN BEHALF OF PETITIONER [Redacted]

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.

If you believe the law was inappropriately applied or the analysis used in reaching the decision was inconsistent with the information provided or with precedent decisions, you may file a motion to reconsider. Such a motion must state the reasons for reconsideration and be supported by any pertinent precedent decisions. Any motion to reconsider must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reconsider, as required under 8 C.F.R. 103.5(a)(1)(i).

If you have new or additional information that you wish to have considered, you may file a motion to reopen. Such a motion must state the new facts to be proved at the reopened proceeding and be supported by affidavits or other documentary evidence. Any motion to reopen must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reopen, except that failure to file before this period expires may be excused in the discretion of the Service where it is demonstrated that the delay was reasonable and beyond the control of the applicant or petitioner. Id.

Any motion must be filed with the office that originally decided your case along with a fee of \$110 as required under 8 C.F.R. 103.7.

FOR THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER,
EXAMINATIONS

Robert P. Wiemann
Robert P. Wiemann, Director
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The immigrant visa petition was denied by the Director, Vermont Service Center, and is now before the Associate Commissioner for Examinations on appeal. The appeal will be rejected.

The beneficiary filed the present petition on her own behalf. The beneficiary seeks classification as a skilled worker pursuant to section 203(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. 1153(b)(3)(A)(iii). The director denied the immigrant visa petition because he determined that the position did not qualify as an occupation listed in Schedule A, Group I (Title 20, Code of Federal Regulations, part 656); that there is no evidence that the notice of filing the Application for Alien Employment was submitted to the bargaining representative or to the employer's workers; that the record contains no statement signed by an authorized physical therapy licensing official stating that the beneficiary is qualified to take the State of New Jersey written licensing examination for physical therapists; and that the petition was signed by the beneficiary not by the petitioner/employer.

An alien may not self-petition under this visa classification.

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 the beneficiary. Therefore, the appeal has not been properly filed, and must be rejected.

ORDER: The appeal is rejected.