

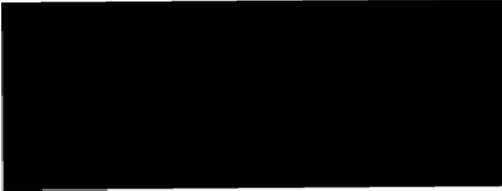
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FILE: Office: NEBRASKA SERVICE CENTER Date: APR 22 2008
(LIN-06-224-52209 relates)

IN RE: 

APPLICATION: Application for Travel Document Pursuant to Section 223 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1203.

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT:

SELF-REPRESENTED

INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert P. Wiemann".

Robert P. Wiemann, Chief
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The application was denied by the Director, Nebraska Service Center, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be rejected.

The applicant is a native and citizen of India who seeks to obtain a travel document (reentry permit) under section 223 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1203. The Director denied the application after determining that the application was filed after the applicant had departed the United States. *See Director's Decision*, dated May 10, 2007.

The AAO notes that an unfavorable decision in an immigration proceeding may be appealed to the AAO only by an affected party in that proceeding, i.e., the person or entity with legal standing. An affected party may be represented by an attorney or representative. *See* 8 C.F.R §§ 103.3(a)(1)(B) and (2)(i). In the present case, the affected party is the applicant.

The AAO finds the Form I-290B, Notice of Appeal to the Administrative Appeals Office, in the record to have been submitted by a [REDACTED] is not the applicant nor the applicant's authorized representative. The record demonstrates that she is the applicant's sister-in-law. Accordingly, [REDACTED] has no legal standing before Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) and may not file an appeal on the applicant's behalf.

As the Form I-290B has been filed by an individual who is not an affected party in this proceeding, the AAO will reject the appeal. An appeal filed by a person or entity not entitled to file it must be rejected as improperly filed. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(v)(A)(1).

ORDER: The appeal is rejected.