



U.S. Citizenship
and Immigration
Services

Identifying data deleted to
prevent clearly unwarranted
invasion of personal privacy

PUBLIC COPY

L2



FILE: [Redacted]
MSC 02 240 61473

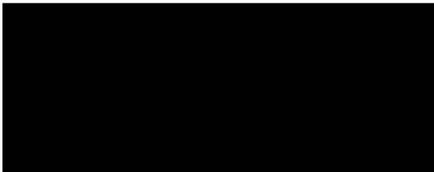
Office: Chicago

Date: MAY 26 2006

IN RE: Applicant: [Redacted]

APPLICATION: Application for Status as a Permanent Resident pursuant to Section 1104 of the Legal Immigration Family Equity (LIFE) Act of 2000, Pub. L. 106-553, 114 Stat. 2762 (2000), amended by Life Act Amendments, Pub. L. 106-554, 114 Stat. 2763 (2000).

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT:



INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. The file has been returned to the office that originally decided your case. If your appeal was sustained, or if your case was remanded for further action, you will be contacted. If your appeal was dismissed, you no longer have a case pending before this office, and you are not entitled to file a motion to reopen or reconsider your case.

Robert P. Wiemann, Chief
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The application for permanent resident status under the Legal Immigration Family Equity (LIFE) Act was denied by the District Director, Chicago, Illinois, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be rejected.

The district director denied the application because the applicant failed to establish that he satisfied the “basic citizenship skills” required under section 1104(c)(2)(E) of the LIFE Act.

On appeal, counsel contends that the applicant is medically exempt from the basic citizenship skills requirement and that he should be provided another opportunity to comply with the basic citizenship requirement. Counsel submits documentation in support of the contention put forth on appeal.

The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(a)(1) provides, in part, that “[e]very application, petition, appeal, motion, request ... shall be executed and filed in accordance with the instructions on the form, such instructions ... being hereby incorporated into the particular section of the regulations in this chapter requiring its submission.” The instructions at item six on the appeal Form I-290B specifically require a signature of this form when the decision is appealed.

The Form I-290B was not signed by either the applicant or counsel. Therefore, the appeal has not been properly filed, and must be rejected.

ORDER: The appeal is rejected.