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MSC 03 200 61070

Office: DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Date: AUG 13 2007

IN RE: Applicant:



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 National Benefits Center. If your appeal was sustained, or if the matter 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, Detroit, Michigan, 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 demonstrate that she had continuously resided in the United States in an unlawful status from before January 1, 1982 through May 4, 1988.

On appeal, counsel contends that the applicant's unlawful status was not changed by her brief absence from the United States during the requisite period and the applicant has provided sufficient evidence to establish her continuous unlawful residence in the United States prior to January 1, 1982 through May 4, 1988.

An affected party filing from within the United States has 30 days from the date of an adverse decision to file an appeal. An appeal received after the 30-day period has tolled will not be accepted. The 30-day period for submitting an appeal begins 3 days after the Notice of Decision is mailed. 8 C.F.R. § 245a.20(b)(1)

The record reflects that the director sent his decision of April 27, 2005 to the applicant in care of the applicant's counsel at the counsel's address of record. Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) received the appeal 65 days later on July 1, 2005. Therefore, the appeal was untimely filed.

**ORDER:** The appeal is rejected as untimely filed.