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IN RE:

Applicant:



APPLICATION:

Application for Temporary Protected Status under Section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1254

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.

Robert P. Wiemann, Director
Administrative Appeals Office

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

The applicant is a native and citizen of Honduras who is seeking Temporary Protected Status (TPS) under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1254.

The director denied the application because the applicant failed to establish his eligibility for late initial registration. The director also denied the application because the applicant failed to establish continuous residence in the United States since December 30, 1998, and continuous physical presence in the United States since January 5, 1999.

Although a Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Representative, has been submitted, the individual named is not authorized under 8 C.F.R. § 292.1 or 292.2 to represent the applicant. Therefore, the applicant shall be considered as self-represented and the decision will be furnished only to the applicant.

"Affected Party" means the person or entity with legal standing in a proceeding. 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(1)(iii)(B).

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 which has been accepted will not be refunded. 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(v).

In this case, the appeal was filed by [REDACTED] indicates that he has been friends with the applicant since December 1998. However [REDACTED] is not an accredited representative recognized by the Board of Immigration Appeals. [REDACTED] cannot be recognized as having legal standing in the proceeding. Therefore, the appeal will be rejected.

An alien applying for Temporary Protected Status has the burden of proving that he or she meets the requirements enumerated above and is otherwise eligible under the provisions of section 244 of the Act. The applicant failed to meet this burden.

ORDER: The appeal is rejected.