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FILE: [REDACTED] Office: CALIFORNIA SERVICE CENTER Date: **APR 13 2007**  
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IN RE: Applicant: [REDACTED]

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 California Service Center. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

Robert P. Wiemann, Chief  
Administrative Appeals Office

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

The applicant is a 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 record reveals that the applicant filed a first Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status, with the Vermont Service Center (VSC) on June 24, 2002, after the initial registration period had ended (EAC 02 229 52548 relates). On October 3, 2002, the director of the VSC requested the applicant to submit evidence to establish her eligibility for late registration. The director's request was mailed to the applicant at the address indicated on her Form I-821, and the applicant indicated on the current appeal that she still lived at the same address. On March 6, 2003, the director denied the application due to abandonment because the applicant failed to respond to the request. Since the application was denied due to abandonment there was no appeal available; however, the applicant could have filed a motion to reopen within 30 days from the date of the denial. The applicant did not file a motion to reopen during the requisite timeframe.

The applicant filed the current Form I-821 on February 18, 2005, and indicated that she was re-registering for TPS. The director of the CSC denied the application on July 23, 2005, because the applicant's initial TPS application had been denied and the applicant was not eligible to apply for re-registration.

If the applicant is filing an application as a re-registration, a previous grant of TPS must have been afforded the applicant, as only those individuals who are granted TPS must register annually. In addition, the applicant must continue to maintain the conditions of eligibility. 8 C.F.R. § 244.17.

In this case, the applicant has not previously been granted TPS. Therefore, she is not eligible to re-register for TPS. Consequently, the director's decision to deny the application will be affirmed.

There is no indication that the applicant was attempting to file a late initial application for TPS instead of an annual re-registration. Moreover, there is no evidence in the file to suggest that the applicant is eligible for late registration for TPS under 8 C.F.R. § 244.2(f)(2).

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 has failed to meet this burden.

**ORDER:** The appeal is dismissed.