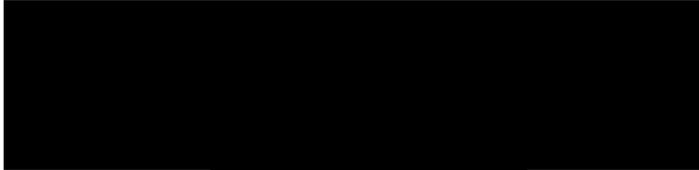


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FILE: [REDACTED] Office: CALIFORNIA SERVICE CENTER Date: **MAY 31 2007**
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IN RE: Applicant: [REDACTED]

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

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT:
[REDACTED]

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, 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 El Salvador 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 TPS application during the initial registration period under Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) receipt number SRC 02 036 56685. The director denied that application on August 31, 2004, because the applicant failed to establish his qualifying continuous residence and continuous physical presence in the United States. The applicant also failed to provide a copy of his photo identification. After a review of the record, the Chief, AAO, concurs with the director's denial decision.

The applicant filed the current Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status, on June 27, 2005, and indicated that he was re-registering for TPS.

The director denied the re-registration application because the applicant's initial TPS application had been denied and the applicant was not eligible to apply for re-registration for TPS.

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, he 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).

Beyond the decision of the director, it is noted that the applicant has provided insufficient evidence to establish his qualifying continuous physical presence and continuous residence during the requisite time periods. 8 C.F.R. § 244.2(b) and (c). Therefore, the application must also be denied for these reasons.

It is also noted that the applicant was granted voluntary departure from the United States by an Immigration Judge on January 8, 2007, at San Francisco, California.

The application will be denied for the above stated reasons, with each considered as an independent and alternative basis for denial. An alien applying for TPS 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.