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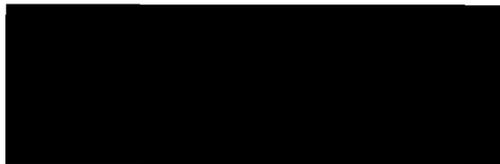
Office: CIUDAD JUAREZ

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IN RE: Applicant: 

APPLICATION: Application for Waiver of Grounds of Inadmissibility under sections 212(a)(9)(B)(v) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1182(a)(9)(B)(v)

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT:



INSTRUCTIONS:

Enclosed please find the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. All of the documents related to this matter have been returned to the office that originally decided your case. Please be advised that any further inquiry that you might have concerning your case must be made to that office.

If you believe the law was inappropriately applied by us in reaching our decision, or you have additional information that you wish to have considered, you may file a motion to reconsider or a motion to reopen. The specific requirements for filing such a request can be found at 8 C.F.R. § 103.5. All motions must be submitted to the office that originally decided your case by filing a Form I-290B, Notice of Appeal or Motion, with a fee of \$630. Please be aware that 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(1)(i) requires that any motion must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reconsider or reopen.

Thank you,

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Chief, Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The waiver application was denied by the Field Office Director, Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed.

The record reflects that the applicant, a native and citizen of Mexico, entered the United States without authorization in 2001 and did not depart the United States until December 2007. The applicant was thus found to be inadmissible to the United States pursuant to section 212(a)(9)(B)(i)(II) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1182(a)(9)(B)(i)(II), for having been unlawfully present in the United States for more than one year. The applicant does not contest this finding of inadmissibility. Rather, he seeks a waiver of inadmissibility under section 212(a)(9)(B)(v) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1182(a)(9)(B)(v), to reside in the United States with her U.S. citizen spouse.

The field office director concluded that the applicant had failed to establish that extreme hardship would be imposed on a qualifying relative and denied the Application for Waiver of Ground of Excludability (Form I-601) accordingly. *Decision of the Field Office Director*, dated February 3, 2009.

Section 212(a)(9)(B) of the Act provides, in pertinent part:

Aliens Unlawfully Present.-

(i) In general. - Any alien (other than an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence) who-

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(II) has been unlawfully present in the United States for one year or more, and who again seeks admission within 10 years of the date of such alien's departure or removal from the United States, is inadmissible.

....

(v) Waiver. - The Attorney General [now the Secretary of Homeland Security (Secretary)] has sole discretion to waive clause (i) in the case of an immigrant who is the spouse or son or daughter of a United States citizen or of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence, if it is established to the satisfaction of the Attorney General (Secretary) that the refusal of admission to such immigrant alien would result in extreme hardship to the citizen or lawfully resident spouse or parent of such alien...

Electronic U.S. Department of State records indicate that on or around January 15, 2010, the U.S. Department of State received a letter from the applicant's U.S. citizen spouse, [REDACTED], the petitioner of the approved Form I-130, Petition for Alien Relative (Form I-130), advising that he no longer wished to sponsor the applicant for permanent residency. On or around February 2, 2010, the U.S. Department of State received a request from counsel, requesting withdrawal of the Form I-130 filed by [REDACTED].

Section 205.1 of Title 8 of the Code of Federal Regulations states, in pertinent part:

- (a) Reasons for automatic revocation. The approval of a petition...made under section 204 of the Act...is revoked as of the date of approval:
- (3) If any of the following circumstances occur...before the decision on his or her adjustment application becomes final:
 - (i) Immediate relative and family-sponsored petitions, other than Amerasian petitions. (A) Upon written notice of withdrawal filed by the petitioner...with any officer of the Service who is authorized to grant or deny petitions.

As the petitioner of the Form I-130 has provided written notice of withdrawal with respect to his sponsorship of the applicant, the Form I-601 submitted by the applicant can not be reviewed and adjudicated by the AAO, as there is no longer an underlying petition for alien relative at this time. In the absence of an underlying Form I-130, the Form I-601 is moot. The appeal of the denial of the waiver must therefore be dismissed as moot.

ORDER: The appeal is dismissed.