

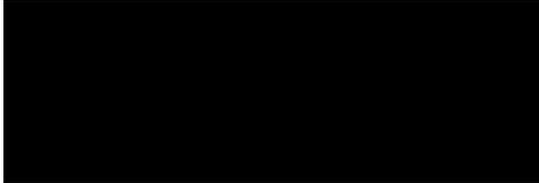
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FILE: Office: VERMONT SERVICE CENTER Date: **APR 03 2009**
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IN RE: Petitioner:

PETITION: Petition for Immigrant Abused Spouse Pursuant to Section 204(a)(1)(A)(iii) of the
Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1154(a)(1)(A)(iii)

ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER:

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.

If you believe the law was inappropriately applied or you have additional information that you wish to have considered, you may file a motion to reconsider or a motion to reopen. Please refer to 8 C.F.R. § 103.5 for the specific requirements. 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 \$585. Any motion must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reconsider, as required by 8 C.F.R. 103.5(a)(1)(i).

John F. Grissom
Acting Chief, Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The Director, Vermont Service Center, denied the immigrant visa petition. The matter is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be summarily dismissed. The petition will be denied.

The petitioner seeks immigrant classification pursuant to section 204(a)(1)(A)(iii) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (“the Act”), 8 U.S.C. § 1154(a)(1)(A)(iii), as an alien battered or subjected to extreme cruelty by a United States citizen.

Section 204(a)(1)(A)(iii) of the Act provides that an alien who is the spouse of a United States citizen may self-petition for immigrant classification if the alien demonstrates that he or she entered into the marriage with the United States citizen spouse in good faith and that during the marriage, the alien or a child of the alien was battered or subjected to extreme cruelty perpetrated by the alien’s spouse. In addition, the alien must show that he or she is eligible to be classified as an immediate relative under section 201(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Act, resided with the abusive spouse, and is a person of good moral character. Section 204(a)(1)(A)(iii)(II) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1154(a)(1)(A)(iii)(II).

The director denied the petition on September 2, 2008, determining that the petitioner had not established a qualifying relationship with a United States citizen. Without entering a finding, the director also noted that the record did not include sufficient evidence to establish that the petitioner is a person of good moral character and had entered into the marriage with the claimed abuser in good faith.

Counsel for the petitioner timely submits a Form I-290B, Notice of Appeal.

The regulation at 8 C.F.R. §103.3(a)(1)(v) states, in pertinent part: “An officer to whom an appeal is taken shall summarily dismiss any appeal when the party concerned fails to identify specifically any erroneous conclusion of law or statement of fact for the appeal.”

Counsel’s statement on the Form I-290B reads:

A brief and additional evidence will be submitted to the AAO within 30 days.

Upon review of the record, the record does not include additional evidence or argument submitted subsequent to the filing of the Form I-290B. The record is considered complete. The petitioner in this matter does not identify specifically any erroneous conclusions of law or statements of fact made by the director as a basis for the appeal. The AAO is without further evidence or argument to evaluate regarding the petitioner’s failure to establish essential elements of eligibility for this benefit. The petitioner’s failure to specifically address the director’s findings and present evidence and argument identifying the director’s erroneous conclusions of law or statements of fact mandate the summary dismissal of the appeal.

Inasmuch as the petitioner has failed to identify specifically an erroneous conclusion of law or a statement of fact in this proceeding, the appeal must be summarily dismissed.

The petition will be denied for the stated reasons set out in the director's decision, with each considered as an independent and alternative basis for denial. In visa petition proceedings, the burden of proving eligibility for the benefit sought remains entirely with the petitioner. Section 291 of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1361. Here, that burden has not been met.

ORDER: The appeal is summarily dismissed.