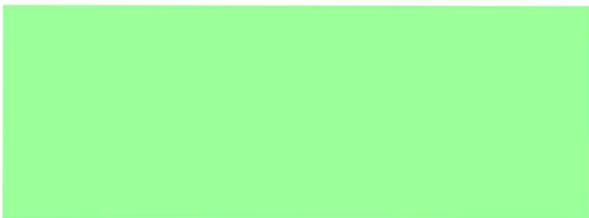




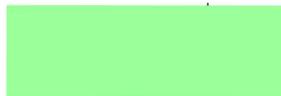
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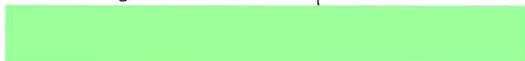
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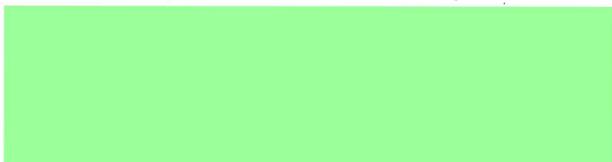
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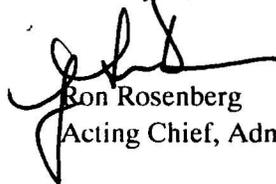
PETITION: Petition for Special Immigrant Juvenile Pursuant to Section 203(b)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1153(b)(4), as described at Section 101(a)(27)(J) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(27)(J)

ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER:  


**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.

Thank you,



Ron Rosenberg  
Acting Chief, Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The New York City, New York District Director (the director), denied the special immigrant visa petition and the matter is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be rejected as improperly filed.

The petitioner is a 22-year old citizen of the Dominican Republic who seeks classification as a special immigrant juvenile (SIJ) as defined at section 101(a)(27)(J) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(27)(J), and pursuant to section 203(b)(4) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1153(b)(4).

An appeal may only be filed by an affected party. 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(i). An affected party is a "person or entity with legal standing in a proceeding." 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(1)(iii)(B). An affected party may be represented by an attorney or accredited representative and the form must contain a proper signature. 8.C.F.R. § 103.2(a)(2), (3). An appeal that is not properly signed and executed in accordance with the form instructions will be rejected. *Id.*, 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(a)(7)(i).

In this case, an unsigned Form I-290B Notice of Appeal was filed by [REDACTED] who identified himself as a senior attorney with [REDACTED] submitted a properly executed Form G-28 and proper fee. However, pursuant to 8.C.F.R. § 103.2(a)(7)(i), the appeal was improperly filed because the Form I-290B lacked a signature by the petitioner or her representative. In addition to the regulations, the instructions to the Form I-290B clearly state that an appeal or motion must include the signed and completed Form I-290B. Accordingly, the appeal was improperly filed pursuant to the regulation at 8.C.F.R. § 103.2(a)(1). Consequently, the appeal must be rejected as improperly filed.

**ORDER:** The appeal is rejected.