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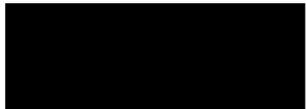
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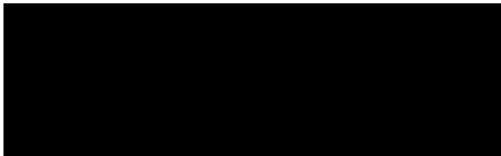
Office: VERMONT SERVICE CENTER

FILE: 

IN RE: Petitioner: 

PETITION: Petition for U Nonimmigrant Classification as a Victim of a Qualifying Crime Pursuant to Section 101(a)(15)(U) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(U)

ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER:

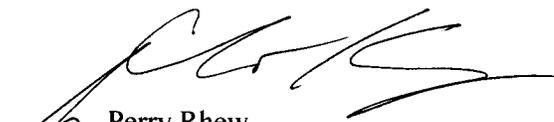


INSTRUCTIONS:

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.

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,


Perry Rhew
Chief, Administrative Appeals Office

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

The petitioner seeks nonimmigrant classification under section 101(a)(15)(U) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (“the Act”), 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(U), as an alien victim of certain qualifying criminal activity.

The director denied the petition because the petitioner failed to submit the law enforcement certification required by section 214(p)(1) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1184(p)(1) and he, therefore, could not meet the eligibility criteria for U nonimmigrant classification at section 101(a)(15)(U)(i) of the Act. On appeal, counsel submitted a Notice of Appeal (Form I-290B), indicating that a brief or other evidence would be submitted within 30 days, or by September 2, 2010. As of this date, however, the record contains no brief or supplemental evidence.

The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(1)(v) provides for the summary dismissal of an appeal when the party concerned fails to identify specifically any erroneous conclusion of law or statement of fact for the appeal. On the Form I-290B, counsel stated that the petitioner cooperated with law enforcement authorities in the arrest and conviction of an individual who engaged in labor certification fraud, but that the U.S. Attorney’s Office would not provide the petitioner with a law enforcement certification. We recognize the difficulties that a petitioner may face in obtaining a law enforcement certification; however, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) lacks the authority to waive the statutory requirement for the certification at section 214(p)(1) of the Act. The petitioner’s appeal shall be summarily dismissed because he has not demonstrated that the director made an erroneous conclusion of law or statement of fact in the denial decision.

As in all visa petition proceedings, the petitioner bears the burden of proving his eligibility for U nonimmigrant status. Section 291 of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1361; 8 C.F.R. § 214.14(c)(4). Here, that burden has not been met.

ORDER: The appeal is summarily dismissed. The petition remains denied.