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Office: SANTO DOMINGO FILE:



IN RE: Applicant:



APPLICATION: Application for Waiver of Grounds of Inadmissibility under section 212(i) of the  
Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1182(i)

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT:

SELF-REPRESENTED

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.

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Chief, Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The waiver application was denied by the Field Office Director, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, and the subsequent appeal was dismissed by the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO). The matter is now before the AAO on a motion to reopen. The motion to reopen will be dismissed as untimely filed.

The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a) states that any motion to reopen and/or reconsider a proceeding before the service filed by an applicant or petitioner, must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reopen and/ reconsider, except that failure to file before this period expires may be excused in the discretion of the Service where it is demonstrated that a delay was reasonable and was beyond the control of the applicant or petitioner.

The record indicates that the AAO issued its decision on November 2, 2011. The AAO properly gave notice to the applicant that she had 30 days to file a motion. The appeal was not received until March 12, 2012, 131 days after the decision was issued. Accordingly, the motion to reopen was untimely filed.

There is no indication that failure to file within the time allotted was reasonable and was beyond the control of the applicant. The AAO therefore declines to exercise discretion and excuse the applicant's failure to file within 30 days of the decision pursuant to 8 C.F.R. §103.5(a)(1)(i). Accordingly, the motion will be rejected as untimely filed.

**ORDER:** The motion to reopen is rejected as untimely filed.