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FILE: [REDACTED]
MSC 03 200 60276

Office: NATIONAL BENEFITS CENTER

Date: JUL 11 2006

IN RE: Applicant: [REDACTED]

APPLICATION: Application for Status as a Permanent Resident pursuant to Section 1104 of the Legal Immigration Family Equity (LIFE) Act of 2000, Pub. L. 106-553, 114 Stat. 2762 (2000), *amended by* Life Act Amendments, Pub. L. 106-554, 114 Stat. 2763 (2000).

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT: Self-represented

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. If your appeal was sustained, or if the matter was remanded for further action, you will be contacted. If your appeal was dismissed, you no longer have a case pending before this office, and you are not entitled to file a motion to reopen or reconsider your case.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mai Johnson".

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert P. Wiemann".
Robert P. Wiemann, Chief
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The application for permanent resident status under the Legal Immigration Family Equity (LIFE) Act was denied by the Director, National Benefits Center, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be rejected.

The director denied the application because the applicant had not established that he had applied for class membership in any of the requisite legalization class-action lawsuits prior to October 1, 2000.

The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(1)(iii)(B) states, in pertinent part:

Meaning of affected party. For purposes of this section and §§ 103.4 and 103.5 of this part, *affected party* (in addition to the Service) means the person or entity with legal standing in a proceeding. An affected party may be represented by an attorney or representative in accordance with part 292 of this chapter.

The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(v) states:

Improperly filed appeal – (A) Appeal filed by person or entity not entitled to file it – (1) Rejection without refund of filing fee. An appeal filed by a person or entity not entitled to file it must be rejected as improperly filed. In such a case, any filing fee the Service has accepted will not be refunded.

Only an affected party, a person or entity with legal standing, may file an appeal of an unfavorable decision. The Form I-290B, Notice of Appeal to the Administrative Appeals Unit, in this case is signed by [REDACTED] on behalf of the *Coalicion Accion Latina*. Although the record contains a Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Representative, authorizing [REDACTED] to act on behalf of the applicant, neither [REDACTED] nor the *Coalicion Accion Latina* is recognized as authorized or accredited representatives pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 292.1(a).¹ The appeal has not been filed by the applicant, or by any entity with legal standing in the proceeding. Therefore, the appeal has not been properly filed and must be rejected.

ORDER: The appeal is rejected.

¹ See <http://www.usdoj.gov/eoir/statspub/raroster.htm> for the list of accredited organizations and representatives.