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FILE: [redacted] Office: VERMONT SERVICE CENTER Date: MAY 1 2 2010
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IN RE: Applicant: [redacted]

APPLICATION: Application for Temporary Protected Status under Section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1254

IN 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 Vermont Service Center. 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 $585. 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,

for Perry Rhew
Chief, Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The applicant's Temporary Protected Status was withdrawn by the Director, Vermont Service Center. The matter is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be rejected.

The applicant is a native and citizen of El Salvador who is seeking Temporary Protected Status (TPS) under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1254.

The director denied the application because he found the applicant had been convicted of two misdemeanors in the United States.

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

> (B) *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. It does not include the beneficiary of a visa petition.

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, is signed by [redacted] who claims to be an attorney or representative. The record, however, does not contain the required Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Representative, authorizing [redacted] to act on behalf of the applicant. Therefore, [redacted] eligibility to appear as either an attorney or as an accredited representative of an organization recognized and accredited by the Board of Immigration Appeals as defined in 8 C.F.R. §§ 103.2 and 292.1(a)(4) is unknown. On September 29, 2009, a facsimile was sent to the office of [redacted] requesting a properly completed Form G-28 be sent to the AAO within five business days. On March 30, 2009, the AAO telephoned counsel's office and requested that a Form G-28 be faxed to the AAO. However, to date, the requested form had not been submitted. 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.