



DIVISION OF
CORPORATION FINANCE

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

September 10, 2012

Via E-Mail

Mr. James A. Darby
Chief Financial Officer
SAIA, Inc.
11465 John Creek Parkway
Suite 400
Johns Creek, Georgia 30097

Re: SAIA, Inc.
Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011
Filed March 2, 2012
File No. 0-49983

Dear Mr. Darby:

We have completed our review of your filing. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or the filings and the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States. We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filings to be certain that the filings include the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ Linda Cvrkel

Linda Cvrkel
Branch Chief