

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

Mail Stop 3233

May 22, 2017

Via E-mail
Ms. Angie D. Stock
Chief Accounting Officer
Sterling Real Estate Trust
1711 Gold Drive South, Suite 100
Fargo, ND 58103

Re: Sterling Real Estate Trust Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 Filed March 14, 2016 File No. 000-54295

Dear Ms. Stock:

We have completed our review of your filing. We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jennifer Gowetski

Jennifer Gowetski Senior Counsel Office of Real Estate and Commodities