

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

Mail Stop 3561

July 10, 2017

Michael K. Bloom Chief Executive Officer Fred's, Inc. 4300 New Getwell Road Memphis, TN 38118

Re: Fred's, Inc.

Registration Statement on Form S-3

Filed June 30, 2017 File No. 333-219115

Dear Mr. Bloom:

This is to advise you that we have not reviewed and will not review your registration statement.

Please refer to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requests for acceleration. 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.

Please contact Scott Anderegg, Attorney-Advisor, at (202) 551-3342 with any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Lilyanna Peyser for

Mara Ransom Assistant Director Office of Consumer Products