

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

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Via U.S. Mail and Facsimile: (502) 394-2206

Mr. Ralph G. Gronefeld, Jr. President and Chief Executive Officer Res-Care, Inc. 9901 Linn Station Road Louisville, Kentucky 40223

> Re: Res-Care, Inc. Form 10-K for fiscal year ended December 31, 2009 Filed March 9, 2010 File No. 000-20372

Dear Mr. Gronefeld:

We have completed our review of your Form 10-K and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

Larry Spirgel Assistant Director