

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

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By U.S. Mail and facsimile: (203) 294-8338

James C. Smith Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President Webster Financial Corporation 145 Bank Street Waterbury, CT 06702

> Re: Webster Financial Corporation Form 10-K for fiscal year ended December 31, 2009 Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2010 and June 30, 2010 File Number 001-31486

Dear Mr. Smith:

We have completed our review of your filings and do not have any further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

Eric Envall Attorney-Advisor