

Mail Stop 3561

September 18, 2008

Heywood Wilansky
President and Chief Executive Officer
Retail Ventures, Inc.
3241 Westerville Rd.
Columbus, Ohio 43224

Re: Retail Ventures, Inc.
Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended February 2, 2008
Filed April 25, 2008
Definitive (Revised) Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A
Filed May 1, 2008
Form 10-Q for Fiscal Quarter Ended May 3, 2008
Filed June 12, 2008
File No. 001-10767

Dear Mr. Wilansky:

We have completed our review of your Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 2, 2008 and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

H. Christopher Owings
Assistant Director