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April 5, 2010

Via U.S. Mail and facsimile to (614) 238-4156

James A. McGrady
President and Chief Executive Officer
Retail Ventures, Inc.
4150 Fifth Avenue
Columbus, OH 43219

**Re: Retail Ventures, Inc.
 Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended January 31, 2009
 Filed April 30, 2009
 Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A
 Filed May 29, 2009
 File No. 001-10767**

Dear Mr. McGrady:

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

Sincerely,

H. Christopher Owings
Assistant Director