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David M. Staples
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**Re: Spartan Stores, Inc.
Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended March 29, 2008
Filed May 15, 2008
Definitive Proxy on Schedule 14A
Filed June 27, 2008
File No. 000-31127**

Dear Mr. Staples:

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