



DIVISION OF
CORPORATION FINANCE

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

September 6, 2011

Via E-Mail

Mr. R. Stephen Armstrong, Executive
V.P, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer
Patterson Companies, Inc.
1031 Mendota Heights Road
St. Paul, MN 55120

Re: Patterson Companies, Inc.
Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended April 30, 2011
Filed June 29, 2011
File No. 000-20572

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

We have completed our review of your filing. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or the filing and the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States. We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ John Reynolds for

Tia Jenkins
Senior Assistant Chief Accountant
Office of Beverages, Apparel, and
Health care Services