



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

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John R. Garbarino
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer
OceanFirst Financial Corp.
975 Hooper Avenue
Toms River, New Jersey 08753

**Re: OceanFirst Financial Corp.
Form 10-K for fiscal year ended December 31, 2008
Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2009
File Number 001-11713**

Dear Mr. Garbarino:

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

Sincerely,

Eric Envall
Staff Attorney