

Mail Stop 3561

July 6, 2009

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**Re: Sonic Automotive, Inc.
Preliminary Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A
Filed May 29, 2009
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Dear Mr. Coss:

We have completed our review of the above-referenced filing and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

H. Christopher Owings
Assistant Director

cc: Thomas O'Donnell, Esq.
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Via Facsimile