



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

DIVISION OF
CORPORATION FINANCE

February 19, 2014

Via E-mail

Mr. John C. Popeo
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**Re: CommonWealth REIT
Definitive Additional Soliciting Materials on Schedule 14A
Filed February 18, 2014
File No. 001-09317**

Dear Mr. Popeo:

We have reviewed your filing and have the following comment.

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1. We note your statement that the SEC might bring sanctions or an enforcement action against the company if the Related/Corvex consent solicitation is successful. In future filings, please refrain from making statements as to the possible reaction of the SEC to a successful solicitation by Related/Corvex. Furthermore, whenever referring to the possible reaction of the NYSE to a successful solicitation by Related/Corvex, please balance any statements regarding delisting procedures with a full and fair representation of the possible timeline for any such procedure, and contrast that with the timeline for electing a new board of trustees.

You may contact me at (202) 551-3503 if you have any questions regarding our comment.

Sincerely,

/s/ David L. Orlic

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