

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

December 19, 2023

Alan A. Villalon Chief Financial Officer Alerus Financial Corporation 401 Demers Avenue Grand Forks, ND 58201

> Re: Alerus Financial Corporation Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2022 File No. 001-39036

Dear Alan A. Villalon:

We have completed our review of your filing. We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

Sincerely,

Division of Corporation Finance Office of Finance