



THE NASDAQ STOCK MARKET  
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JUN 10 2010  
Washington, DC 20549

P. William Slattery  
Vice President  
Listing Qualifications



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Via Electronic Mail

June 10, 2010

Ms. Cecile Peters  
Chief, IT Services  
Division of Corporation Finance  
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission  
100 F Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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001-34768

Dear Ms. Peters:

This is to certify that on June 10, 2010 The Nasdaq Stock Market (the "Exchange") received from Sterling Bancshares, Inc. (the "Registrant") a copy of the Registrant's application on Form 8-A 12(b) for the registration of the following security:

Warrants (expiring December 12, 2018)

We further certify that the securities described above have been approved by the Exchange for listing and registration.

We understand that the Registrant is seeking immediate acceleration of the effective date of registration, and we hereby join in such request.

Sincerely,

*William Slattery*