Mr. John P. D. Cato President and Chief Executive Officer The Cato Corporation 8100 Denmark Road Charlotte, North Carolina 28273-5975

> Re: The Cato Corporation Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended January 28, 2006 File No. 1-31340

Dear Mr. Cato:

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

Sincerely,

James A. Allegretto Senior Assistant Chief

Accountant

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