

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

Mail Stop 3720

January 26, 2018

Gary E. Kramer Chief Financial Officer Barrett Business Services, Inc. 8100 N.E. Parkway Drive Suite 200 Vancouver, WA 98662

Re: Barrett Business Services, Inc.

Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016

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Dear Mr. Kramer:

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,

/s/ Robert S. Littlepage, for

Carlos Pacho Senior Assistant Chief Accountant AD Office 11 – Telecommunications