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Subject: Barrett Business Services, Inc.

Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016

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Dear Mr. Cascarano:

We are in receipt of Larry Spirgel's letter addressed to Gary E. Kramer and dated November 2, 2017, regarding the subject filing. I am writing to confirm that, as stated in my voice mail message to you on November 10, 2017, we are requesting an extension of the response deadline set forth in the letter and will provide our response on or before December 1st, 2017.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Anthony Harris

Anthony Harris Controller

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