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**Re: Response to Comment Letter dated July 26, 2007 regarding Sonic Automotive, Inc. Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006 (File No. 1-13395) (the "Comment Letter")**

Dear Mr. Babula:

As we discussed, Sonic Automotive, Inc. intends to file its response to the Comment Letter on or before Friday, August 24, 2007. Please feel free to call me with any questions.

Yours truly,

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