

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

October 12, 2018

Gene S. Bertcher
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
AMERICAN REALTY INVESTORS INC
1603 Lyndon B. Johnson Freeway, Suite 800
Dallas, Texas 75234

Re: AMERICAN REALTY INVESTORS INC Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 Filed April 2, 2018 File No. 001-15663

Dear Mr. Bertcher:

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,

Division of Corporation Finance Office of Real Estate and Commodities