

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549-4631

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Via U.S. mail and facsimile

Mr. John G. Rourke Chief Financial Officer The GEO Group, Inc. One Park Place, Suite 700, 621 NW 53<sup>rd</sup> Street Boca Raton, Florida 33487

> RE: Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2008 Form 10-Q for the period ended March 29, 2009 Form 8-K filed on May 5, 2009 Schedule 14A filed on March 30, 2009 File No. 1-14260

Dear Mr. Rourke:

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

If you have any further questions regarding our review of your filings related to legal matters, please direct them to Jessica Kane, Staff Attorney, at (202) 551-3235 or Craig Slivka, Special Counsel, at (202) 551-3729. Please contact Nudrat Salik, Staff Accountant, at (202) 551-3692 or, in her absence, Jeanne Baker, Assistant Chief Accountant, at (202) 551-3691 if you have questions regarding our review of the financial statements and related matters.

Sincerely,

Rufus Decker Accounting Branch Chief