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VIA EDGAR  
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission  
100 F Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Re: Notice of disclosure filed in the Annual Report on Form 10-K under Section 219 of the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 and Section 13(r) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Section 219 of the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 and Section 13(r) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, notice is hereby provided that Sterling Financial Corporation has made disclosure pursuant to those provisions in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 26, 2014. This disclosure can be found under Item 9B - Other Information.

Sincerely,

Sterling Financial Corporation

By: /s/ Patrick J. Rusnak  
Patrick J. Rusnak  
Chief Financial Officer