



March 23, 2020

**VIA EDGAR**

Mr. Blaise Rhodes  
Mr. Rufus Decker  
Division of Corporate Finance  
Office of Transportation and Leisure  
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission  
100 F Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Re: Papa John's International, Inc.  
Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 29, 2019  
Filed February 26, 2020  
File No. 000-21660

Dear Messrs. Rhodes and Decker:

Papa John's International, Inc. (the "Company") received a comment letter from the U.S Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") dated March 16, 2020 in regard to the above referenced filing. The Company contacted the SEC staff to request an extension of time to respond beyond the period indicated in the letter, and was granted an extension to respond no later than April 13, 2020.

Please direct any comments or questions to me at (502) 261-4759.

Sincerely,  
Papa John's International, Inc.

/s/ Steve Coke

Steve Coke  
VP, Investor Relations & Strategic Planning  
(Interim principal financial and accounting officer)