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VIA EDGAR

Ms. Peggy Y. Kim  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
Division of Corporate Finance  
450 Fifth Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Re: American Realty Investors, Inc.  
File No. 333-83292

Dear Ms. Kim:

Pursuant to Rule 473 of the Securities Act of 1933, the following delaying amendment is hereby incorporated into American Realty Investors, Inc.'s Form S-4 previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission:

"The registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine."

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (214) 953-6107.

Sincerely,

/s/ JEFFREY M. SONE

Jeffrey M. Sone, counsel  
for and on behalf of  
American Realty Investors, Inc.