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Securities and Exchange Commission 450 Fifth Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20549

Re: Van Kampen Senior Income Trust

Withdrawal of Pre-Effective Amendment No. 2 to

Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-111002)

Filed on February 18, 2004

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Van Kampen Senior Income Trust hereby seeks to withdraw Pre-Effective Amendment No. 2 to its Registration Statement on Form N-2 filed on February 18, 2004.

We hereby request that Pre-Effective Amendment No. 2, filed on February 18, 2004, be withdrawn. We request that our acceleration request filed previously pertain to Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1.

Should the staff have any questions regarding the foregoing, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at (312) 407-0794.

Very truly yours,

/s/ David S. Royal