CAFARO DEBRA A

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CAFARO DEBRA A			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VENTAS INC [VTR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Midd		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)		
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner		
10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE, SUITE 300			07/11/2006	X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman, President and CEO		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
LOUISVILLE,, KY 40223				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-De	rivative S	Securi	ties Acqui	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi (A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock (1)	07/11/2006		S(2)(3)	1,300	D	\$ 34.36	538,488	D	
Common Stock	07/11/2006		S(2)(3)	200	D	\$ 34.4	538,288	D	
Common Stock							5,000 (4)	I	By Trust

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Keiationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
CAFARO DEBRA A			Chairman,				
10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE, SUITE 300	X		President and				
LOUISVILLE., KY 40223			CEO				

Signatures

Debra A. Cafaro, By T. Richard Riney,
Attorney-In-Fact

07/13/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Please see the Reporting Person's previous Form 4 filing dated the date hereof which contains additional transactions which are part of one aggregate direction under the Rule 10b5-1(c) sales plan described in Footnote (3).
- (2) On May 11, 2006, the Reporting Person transmitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission a Form 144 covering the sale of the Issuer's common stock reported on Table I.
- (3) These shares are being sold pursuant to a written non-discretionary Rule 10b5-1(c) sales plan dated November 17, 2005.
- (4) Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these 5,000 shares to the extent of the Reporting Person's pecuniary interest in the shares.

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