

December 5, 2019

VIA EDGAR

United States Securities and Exchange Commission
Division of Corporation Finance
100 F Street, NE
Washington, D.C. 20549

**Re: Midland States Bancorp, Inc.
Request for Acceleration of Effectiveness of Form S-4
SEC File No. 333-234593 (as amended, the "Registration Statement")**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Midland States Bancorp, Inc. hereby requests that the Registration Statement be declared effective under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, or as soon as practicable thereafter, on Monday, December 9, 2019.

The staff should feel free to contact Bill Fay of Barack Ferrazzano Kirschbaum & Nagelberg LLP, the registrant's legal counsel, at (312) 629-7470 with any questions or comments.

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Very truly yours,

Midland States Bancorp, Inc.

By: /s/ Douglas J. Tucker

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Senior Vice President and Corporate Counsel
