

July 11, 2017

**VIA EDGAR**

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

**Re: Midland States Bancorp, Inc.  
Request for Acceleration of Effectiveness of Form S-3  
SEC File No. 333-219097 (the "Registration Statement")**

Dear Mr. Lin:

On behalf of Midland States Bancorp, Inc., as registrant, the undersigned officer hereby requests that the effective date for the Registration Statement, as amended, be accelerated so that it will be declared effective at 1:00 p.m. (Washington, D.C. time) or as soon as practicable thereafter on Thursday, July 13, 2017.

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.

Very truly yours,

Midland States Bancorp, Inc.

/s/ Douglas J. Tucker

Douglas J. Tucker

Senior Vice President and Corporate Counsel

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