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December 10, 2018
Securities and Exchange Commission
Division of Corporation Finance
100 F Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20549-4628
Attn: David Gessert

**Re: Union Bankshares Corporation
Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement on Form S-4
Filed December 10, 2018
File No. 333-228455**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Rule 461 promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, Union Bankshares Corporation hereby respectfully requests that the effective date of the above referenced Registration Statement on Form S-4 be accelerated to 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on December 12, 2018, or as soon as practicable thereafter.

Please contact Michael P. Reed of Covington & Burling LLP at (202) 662-5988 with any questions you may have regarding this request. In addition, please notify Mr. Reed by telephone when this request for acceleration has been granted.

Respectfully,

Union Bankshares Corporation

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