

[MERCANTIL BANK HOLDING CORPORATION LETTERHEAD]

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Division of Corporation Finance
100 F Street, NE
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**Re: Mercantil Bank Holding Corp
Registration Statement on Form S-1
File No. 333-227744**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Mercantil Bank Holding Corporation (the "Company") hereby requests withdrawal of its request filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on December 11, 2018, that the Commission accelerate the effective date of the above-referenced Registration Statement.

Please call Chip MacDonald of Jones Day, at (404)581-8622, if you have any questions concerning the foregoing. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Very truly yours,

Mercantil Bank Holding Corporation

/s/ Millar Wilson

By: Millar Wilson

Title: Chief Executive Officer

cc: Ralph F. MacDonald, III, Jones Day