



**FIRST BUSEY CORPORATION**

April 13, 2021

**VIA EDGAR**

United States Securities and Exchange Commission  
Division of Corporation Finance  
100 F Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
*Attention: Ms. Tonya K. Aldave*

**Re: First Busey Corporation  
Request for Acceleration of Effectiveness of Form S-4  
SEC File No. 333- 253608 ("Registration Statement")**

Dear Ms. Aldave:

In accordance with Rule 461 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, on behalf of First Busey Corporation, as registrant, the undersigned officer hereby respectfully requests that the effective date of the Registration Statement, as amended, be accelerated so that it will become effective at 4:00 p.m. (Washington, D.C. time), or as soon as practicable thereafter, on Thursday, April 15, 2021.

Feel free to telephone Jennifer Durham King of Vedder Price P.C., the registrant's legal counsel, at (312) 609-7835 with any questions or comments.

Very truly yours,

First Busey Corporation

/s/ Jeffrey D. Jones

Jeffrey D. Jones  
Chief Financial Officer

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