March 31, 2020

United States Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F Street, N.E. Mail Stop 4720 Washington, D.C. 20549 Attention: Chris Edwards

## Re: Zentalis Pharmaceuticals, LLC Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-236959) <u>Request for Acceleration</u>

## Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Rule 460 of the General Rules and Regulations under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, we wish to advise that as of the date hereof, approximately 1,344 copies of the Preliminary Prospectus dated March 30, 2020 were distributed to prospective underwriters, institutional investors and prospective dealers in connection with the above-captioned Registration Statement.

We wish to advise you that the participating underwriters have informed us that they have complied and will continue to comply with the requirements of Rule 15c2-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

We hereby join in the request of the registrant that the effectiveness of the above-captioned Registration Statement, as amended, be accelerated to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time, on Thursday, April 2, 2020 or as soon thereafter as practicable.

[Signature page follows]

MORGAN STANLEY & CO. LLC JEFFERIES LLC SVB LEERINK LLC

As representatives of the Underwriters

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By: /s/ Kalli Dirks

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