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April 16, 2018

Securities and Exchange Commission
Division of Corporation Finance
100 F Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20549-7010

Attn: Christine Westbrook

**Re: Apellis Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
Registration Statement on Form S-1
Registration File No. 333-224303**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with Rule 461 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “**Act**”), we, as the representatives of the several underwriters of the above issue, hereby join in the request of Apellis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the “**Company**”) for acceleration of the effective date of the above-named Registration Statement on Form S-1, as amended (the “**Registration Statement**”), so that it becomes effective at 5:05 PM, Eastern Time, on April 18, 2018, or as soon thereafter as practicable, or at such other time as the Company or its outside counsel, Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP, may orally request via telephone call that such Registration Statement be declared effective.

Pursuant to Rule 460 under the Act, and in connection with the foregoing, please note that the underwriters expect to take all reasonable steps to effect the distribution of as many copies of the Company’s preliminary prospectus, dated as of the date hereof (“**Preliminary Prospectus**”), to secure adequate distribution of the Preliminary Prospectus to underwriters, dealers, institutions and others, prior to the requested effective time of the Registration Statement.

We, the undersigned, as representatives of the several underwriters of the above issue, will comply with the requirements of Rule 15c2-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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Very truly yours,

CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.
J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES LLC
COWEN AND COMPANY, LLC

As representatives of the Underwriters

By: CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.

By: /s/ Jennifer Fox

Name: Jennifer Fox

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By: COWEN AND COMPANY, LLC

By: /s/ Jason Fenton

Name: Jason Fenton

Title: Managing Director, ECM

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