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VIA EDGAR AND OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Mr. Christian Windsor, Special Counsel U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission Division of Corporate Finance, Mail Stop 4563 450 Fifth Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20549-3561

Re: Commerce Bancshares, Inc. Form S-3 Withdrawal Request

File No. 333-140053

Dear Mr. Windsor:

The undersigned, as Controller of Commerce Bancshares, Inc., hereby requests withdrawal of the following Form S-3 registration statement for the reason, unknown to us at the time we filed the registration statement, that the EDGAR tagging on the file inaccurately reflected that it was a Form S-3 filing rather than a Form S-3ASR filing, as it actually was. Upon withdrawal, we will be re-filing the same document with the correct EDGAR tagging.

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If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Jeffery D. Aberdeen Jeffery D. Aberdeen Controller