September 22, 2020

U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission Division of Corporation Finance 100 F Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20549 Attention: Jeffrey Gabor Laura Crotty Rolf Sundwall Jeanne Baker

Re: Prelude Therapeutics Incorporated Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-248628) <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 3,016 copies of the Preliminary Prospectus dated September 21, 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 September 24, 2020 or as soon thereafter as practicable.

[Signature page follows]

MORGAN STANLEY & CO. LLC GOLDMAN SACHS & CO. LLC BOFA SECURITIES, INC.

As representatives of the Underwriters

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By: /s/ Chris Rigoli

Name:Chris RigoliTitle:Vice President

GOLDMAN SACHS & CO. LLC

By: /s/ Elizabeth Wood

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BOFA SECURITIES, INC.

By: /s/ Greg Butz

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