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**HUNTINGTON BANCSHARES INCORPORATED
TO ANNOUNCE 2008 THIRD QUARTER EARNINGS
AND HOLD EARNINGS CONFERENCE CALL OCTOBER 16, 2008**

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Huntington Bancshares Incorporated (NASDAQ: HBAN) expects to report its third quarter earnings on Thursday, October 16, 2008, prior to the market opening. A news release and supporting financial data will be available at that time on the company's website at www.huntington-ir.com.

Conference Call / Webcast Information

Huntington's senior management will host an earnings conference call the same day at 1:00 p.m. (Eastern Time). The call may be accessed via a live Internet webcast at www.huntington-ir.com or through a dial-in telephone number at **800-223-1238**; conference ID **67292430**. Slides will be available at www.huntington-ir.com just prior to 1:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) on October 16, 2008 for review during the call.

A replay of the webcast will be archived in the Investor Relations section of Huntington's web site www.huntington.com. A telephone replay will be available two hours after the completion of the call through October 31, 2008 at 800-642-1687; conference ID 67292430.

About Huntington

Huntington Bancshares Incorporated is a \$55 billion regional bank holding company headquartered in Columbus, Ohio. Huntington has more than 142 years of serving the financial needs of its customers. Huntington's banking subsidiary, The Huntington National Bank, provides innovative retail and commercial financial products and services through over 600 regional banking offices in Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. Huntington also offers retail and commercial financial services online at huntington.com; through its technologically advanced, 24-hour telephone bank; and through its network of almost 1,400 ATMs. Selected financial service activities are also conducted in other states including: Auto Finance & Dealer Services offices in Arizona, Florida, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Tennessee, and Texas; Private Financial and Capital Markets Group offices in Florida; and Mortgage Banking offices in Maryland and New Jersey. Huntington Insurance offers retail and commercial insurance agency services in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Indiana, and West Virginia. International banking services are made available through the headquarters office in Columbus, a limited purpose office located in the Cayman Islands, and another located in Hong Kong.

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