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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing today to share Junior Achievement's support of the upcoming merger of SunTrust and BB&T Banks, both of which are vital and important corporate partners to the advancement of the Junior Achievement mission in North Carolina.

Attached is a document that outlines the strength of Junior Achievement in the state of North Carolina. We currently have three affiliate offices that span the state and are located in Charlotte, Greensboro and Raleigh. Both BB&T and SunTrust Banks have been instrumental supporters of our work and a great number of the volunteers who step forward in classrooms all across our state are employees of one of these banks.

In addition to the hundreds of hours donated by their collective workforce, each of the area affiliates has a board member who sits on the governing boards and additional members who sit on advisory boards, committees, councils and advocacy groups all geared to support the mission and work of Junior Achievement. Lastly, the financial investment made by both of these banks has been transformative to our organization. We couldn't be prouder of the work we do together and are humbled by the lives touched through the time, talent and treasure given to JA by these banks.

When the information of the merger was shared with us, we saw nothing but positives and look forward to strengthening our partnership and expanding the great work we do. We believe that the alignment of these two strong and upstanding financial institutions will also strengthen our State and the headquarters move to Charlotte is a boon for this city.

It is our pleasure to cast our vote of support for this merger in that we believe it creates numerous win-win situations for many. While we will miss the opportunity to speak publicly regarding our support, we hope this letter will suffice. I am available for any questions and appreciate the opportunity to share our favor.

Warmly,

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