



**Dominic M. Calabro**  
President & Chief Executive Officer

FDIC Atlanta Regional Office  
10 10<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Suite 800  
Atlanta, Georgia 30309

To Whom It May Concern,

Florida TaxWatch is pleased to hear about the proposed SunTrust and BB&T merger. SunTrust has been a great supporter of the exceptional contributions and general taxpayer and community benefits that Florida TaxWatch produced as Florida's trusted watchdog in keeping all of the state's taxpayers well-informed about key issues surrounding taxation and government spending. The company's philanthropy has allowed TaxWatch to protect the long-term interests and well-being of taxpayers and help enhance their understanding of American Civics as well as financial literacy matters impacting the state.

SunTrust Group Executive for Regional CRE Lending David Mann served as Florida TaxWatch's Chairman from 2016-2018, and SunTrust has sponsored membership meetings where state leaders gather to talk about the most important issues impacting the sunshine state.

SunTrust has also been a sponsor of two of Florida TaxWatch's most successful programs – the Principal Leadership Awards and the TaxWatch Productivity Awards. The Principal Leadership Awards program was established in 2014 to identify Florida's most effective principals in high-risk K-12 public schools, recognize and reward their work, and promote their transformational practices throughout the state. The TaxWatch Productivity Awards program publicly recognizes and rewards state employees and work units whose work significantly and measurably increases productivity and promotes innovation improving the delivery of state services and saving money for Florida taxpayers and businesses.

SunTrust has played a significant role in helping Florida TaxWatch better serve the Sunshine State and all of its taxpayers and citizens in all the communities served by SunTrust. We are beyond grateful for their dedication, leadership, stewardship, and investment in our community, and we are looking forward to partnering with SunTrust and BB&T for many years to come.

Respectfully,



Dominic M. Calabro  
President & CEO  
Florida TaxWatch