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Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond
P.O. Box 27622
Richmond, VA 23261

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: The Merger of BB&T and SunTrust Bank

It is with great enthusiasm that the DeKalb Chamber of Commerce provides this letter of support for the new partnership between BB&T and SunTrust Bank. Our Chamber's mission is to be the catalyst that attracts supports and advances business interest in DeKalb County, Georgia. We are Georgia's 4th largest county and home to several national corporate headquarters.

Both organizations have provided strong leadership to our county and business community, and have solidified their brands amongst our board members and peers. As collaborative partners, committed to the community and economic development, BB&T and SunTrust Bank have played a key role to our success as an organization. They help strengthen our mission, and educate business members on ways they can grow their financial footprint. BB&T proudly serves on our Board of Directors, helping to guide fiscal conversations as well as partnering with us to prepare small businesses for growth.

This unprecedented partnership is historical and could mean more impactful benefits to our business members and community at large. It could also serve as a model for future business deals and as a guide in how the Chamber engages with corporate partners in the future.

We look forward to the official name change and what will emerge in 2020. We are grateful for the past support and are encouraged by the continued support. Should there be any questions or further need to converse about thoughts around our support of this new merger, we gladly look forward to it.

Yours in Business and Partnership,

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