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Re: Merger of BB&T and Suntrust

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am the CEO of a regional CPA firm in Western North Carolina. I also chair the advisory board for BB&T in Asheville, North Carolina. In my role as a CPA, I have worked with a number of financial institutions over the years, particularly BB&T and Suntrust. I have found both banks to be very service oriented and responsible members of the local business community. These organizations appear to be an excellent fit and therefore, benefit the local markets significantly if combined. The scale would likely allow for more technological advancements needed to serve clients today among other opportunities.

From my understanding of these two fine organizations, I would strongly support this merger.



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