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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of the proposed merger of SunTrust with BB&T.

Project Prosper is a grassroots, volunteer-driven organization based in Clearwater, FL that strives to provide financial integration services and resources that empower immigrants and refugees to achieve financial stability. Through 2 programs, Financial Literacy group classes and the Loan Program, Project Prosper supports immigrant clients, who are overwhelmingly low to moderate income, in their transition into life in the United States.

In pursuance of our mission, SunTrust has been a supportive partner and together we have cultivated a long-standing, multi-dimensional relationship. In addition to regularly providing financial support, SunTrust staff volunteer with Project Prosper to teach group Financial Literacy classes directly to clients. Our clients, who are just learning about how the complex American financial system works and often do not know who gives trustworthy information, find opportunities to ask questions of experts in financial fields to be very valuable.

SunTrust has shown a strong commitment to supporting the financial needs of low and moderate income individuals in the Tampa Bay Area. Project Prosper has every reason to believe the merger in discussion will continue the strong track record of support for organizations like ours that serve low- income communities.

If I can be of assistance, please call on me directly at 727-266-0816.

Sincerely,

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