

Goodwill

Industries of the Valleys

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FDIC Atlanta Regional Office
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RE: Support for the SunTrust and BB&T Merger

Dear Members of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation,

I am writing this letter voicing my strongest support for the merger of the SunTrust and BB&T Banks. Our organization has had a long positive history with both institutions as a banking partner and contributor to the mission of Goodwill Industries of the Valleys. They have both demonstrated a deep level of commitment to serve the many communities in our region of Central and Southwest Virginia.

As is the case with most non-profits, Goodwill Industries of the Valleys is dependent on an active level of community engagement and support. In the past we have had members from SunTrust serve on our Board of Directors, act as financial advisors and provided needed funding (loans and grants) that allowed us to execute on our mission and business interests. We are thankful for their continued support and their plan, through this merger, to be an even more active community partner.

I trust that this endorsement will be received with a positive outcome towards merger.

Respectfully,


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