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Hello

I wish to offer my input related to SunTrust and the proposed merger with BB&T.

As an officer of the not-for-profit Queens University or Charlotte I have had occasion to work with and observe both SunTrust and BB&T in our Charlotte community.

Both have been supportive of our mission here at Queens – which is to provide transformative educational experiences that prepare individuals for purposeful and fulfilling lives. Our motto – “to serve, not to be served” is central to the experiences we provide to our students and we work to deliberately engage our students in activities that give them the opportunity to serve as well. We could not fulfill our mission, or live our motto without support from organizations such as SunTrust and BB&T. Not only have they supported Queens philanthropically, but when they have entered into commercial/business transactions with us they have done so with an eye toward supporting what we are doing as an institution. They seek an understanding of what is important to us and find ways to support our efforts. They recognize that our success means that our students are better prepared, enabled through more experiences and prepared to be citizens who will make a difference. A merger of those institutions would serve Charlotte well, build upon their independent foundations and in turn strengthen our community.

I hope this is helpful to you.

Best regards

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