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RE: SunTrust Community Impact – Tampa Bay

To Whom it May Concern:

I am pleased to write this letter and share with you a small portion of the tremendous impact that SunTrust has had on Tampa Bay community.

SunTrust has been a long-standing supporter of economic development initiatives in Tampa Bay, and its market presidents have played active leadership roles in our organization the Tampa Hillsborough Economic Development Corporation (EDC), since its inception. A previous market president, Allen Brinkman, served as Chairman for the EDC in 2014.

SunTrust leadership has participated in many of the domestic and international business missions we've conducted in the past seven years to help spur investment and business attraction in Tampa and Hillsborough County. Their insights and expertise have helped share our strategic plans in the past, and they are currently assisting us with one we have underway for our next three years.

The passion and commitment of SunTrust leaders in the Tampa Bay market has helped our region overcome obstacles to greater prosperity for our citizens. They've led advocacy initiatives in support of transportation projects and education and skills development. As early as 2003, then-SunTrust market president Dan Mahurin recognized that the future of our region would depend on our ability to attract and retain young talent. He and his peers at SunTrust helped underwrite research that led to the creation of a highly successful young professional leadership program called Emerge Tampa that was quickly adopted statewide.

These are but a few examples of the impact that SunTrust has had in helping the Tampa Hillsborough Economic Development Corporation and our regional economic development partners to move our local economy forward. We look forward to many more years of their involvement – as a new entity after the merger with - in shaping Tampa Bay's future.

Sincerely,



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