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To Whom it May Concern

Please find below my statement of testimony to support the extraordinary work that SunTrust is doing to support Financial Literacy as a partner of Junior Achievement in the Tampa Bay community.

*Statement of testimony*

*As the founding sponsor of our new JA Finance Park presented by SunTrust, the initial grant of \$1.7 million is the largest single gift ever in the history of Junior Achievement Tampa Bay. This new facility, dedicated on September 13, 2018 is the home of JA Finance Park, which is a program to teach financial literacy to 8th grade students including personal budgeting, saving, spending and investing. This partnership with SunTrust was the impetus to enable every 8th grader in Hillsborough County to benefit from this program. In addition to the funding, SunTrust has become a valuable volunteer partner and over the last 2 years has provided 247 volunteers, empowering 3,117 students and over 2,000 instructional contact hours, making them one of our top 10 volunteer partners. Obviously this partnership has been vital to the success of our new JA Finance Park but we support the merger with BB&T as we know that it will increase our partnership even more. As an organization which focuses on financial literacy, this introduction of BB&T will promote new funding and volunteer opportunities, as well as a larger presence within our local community, further empowering young people to make sound financial decisions as they become adults.*

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