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RE: SunTrust and BB & T Merger

The Epilepsy Foundation of Southeast Tennessee is an extremely proud partner of SunTrust Bank, Chattanooga, Tennessee. As a proud partner, we are most pleased to offer our strong support of the SunTrust and BB & T merger.

The Epilepsy Foundation of Southeast Tennessee (EFSETN) is an IRS 501 (C) 3 non-profit, which was established in September 1977 and whose mission is to ensure that people with epilepsy are able to participate in all life experiences and overcome the challenges created by epilepsy. EFSETN provides these services free of charge to thirteen counties with ten of these counties in Tennessee and three counties in Georgia. Within these counties, there are approximately 30,000 people with epilepsy. There isn't a cure for epilepsy but epilepsy can be controlled when medications are taken as prescribed. Services provided by EFSETN include providing seizure medications for the poor, provide monthly support group meeting so that people with epilepsy know that they aren't alone, an art therapy program, counseling (financial, legal, etc.), epilepsy education services to schools, first responders and our business community.

EFSTN has a long standing partnership with SunTrust Bank. As noted earlier, there isn't a cure for epilepsy and financial stress is a major cause for breakthrough seizures. Working with SunTrust professionals, they step in and provide financial guidance so that the stress is relieved and a breakthrough seizure doesn't occur. This SunTrust partnership adds so much value and trust to the people with epilepsy and makes a tremendous difference in the lives of people with epilepsy. Further, SunTrust is heavily involved in our epilepsy medication program by participating in EFSETN events and



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resource fairs. This relationship with SunTrust and EFSETN enables people with epilepsy to participate in all life experiences.

At the Epilepsy Foundation of Southeast Tennessee, we are, again, pleased to extend our support of the SunTrust and BB & T merger and our looking forward to continuing our strong relationship with the merged banking operation.

Sincerely



Mickey L. McCamish
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