Please accept this email in support of the merger between SunTrust and BB&T banks. SunTrust is a trusted and deeply committed community partner in the Charleston SC region. They have heavily invested time and financial resources in community projects and the non-profit sector as a whole, to ensure that children and families have access to services to improve education and financial stability.

Mark Lattanzio, the Region President, is highly visible and well respected across the community. He as been actively involved in making area organizations strong and sustainable. The bank also encourages its employees to be engaged supporters of projects critical to the success of the region. Reading Partners has been one of many organizations that have benefitted from the expertise and leadership of a senior staff member of the bank.

The community needs the continued presence of strong financial institutions. We believe that together SunTrust and BB&T will the provide leadership and support necessary to ensure that our region continues to thrive.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this comment.
Bonnie Bella