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The FDIC's Atlanta Regional Office
10 10th Street, NW, Suite 800
Atlanta, GA 30309-3849

Dear FDIC's Atlanta Regional Office,

I am writing this letter to express my sincere thanks to SunTrust Bank and Foundation for its support of Dress for Success Hampton Roads over the past several years. We are proud to collaborate with SunTrust and are grateful for the bank's continued commitment to our mission and the quality of life for all who live, work, play and do business in the Hampton Roads region and beyond.

We recently learned that SunTrust has filed a merger application to the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond and to the FDIC's Atlanta Regional office. Dress for Success Hampton Roads supports the merger of SunTrust and BB&T. We are confident this proposed merger will strengthen the Bank's position to partner in many communities.

For several years, SunTrust has served many underrepresented communities and enabled DFS Hampton Roads to continue our mission to empower women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire and the development tools to help women thrive in work and in life. SunTrust Bank recognizes and understands the unique challenges of economically distressed communities and individuals caught in the cycle of generational poverty.

With an established history of working with at-risk women, DFS Hampton Roads knows that economic insecurity is exacerbated by factors like child abuse and neglect, domestic and sexual violence, substance abuse, incarceration, homelessness, and mental health illness. SunTrust's continued support of our efforts allows us to interrupt this cycle by funding our Career Center and Career Development and Employment Programs that are designed to provide unemployed and underemployed women assistance in gaining professional skills to accelerate their job search and build confidence through weekly training sessions, one-on-one career coaching and networking in a supportive environment. Expert speakers, resume/cover letter enhancements, and mock interviews prepares the participants to become work-ready to move to employment.

Dress for Success Hampton Roads enthusiastically supports SunTrust's merger application with BB&T!

Respectfully,

Debra M. Dandridge
Executive Director/Co-founder

cc: Mark A. Johnson
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“Celebrating 13 Years of Service to Women in Hampton Roads”