



Greenville Chamber

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FDIC Atlanta Regional Office
10 10th Street, NW
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Atlanta, GA 30309-3849

Dear FDIC:

On behalf of our Board of Directors and 1,800 member businesses, the Greenville Chamber offers its full support of the merger between BB&T and SunTrust. The Chamber has existed to help businesses grow and our community flourish for 130 years, and BB&T has been a longtime and prominent supporter of the Greenville Chamber's economy-building efforts since 1973.

I've had the privilege of working with BB&T in the various communities that I've lived in, including Kentucky, Georgia and South Carolina, where they are commonly referred to as the "Best Bank in Town"! BB&T has achieved high visibility in the markets that they serve and invest heavily not only in their own brick and mortar, but more importantly in causes and initiatives that promote community health, vitality and prosperity. BB&T continues to invest in Accelerate, the Greenville Chamber's private sector-fueled economic development initiative that provides support to high-impact entrepreneurial ventures, increases the number and performance of minority woman-owned businesses, and seeks ways to expand our area's talent pool and workforce. BB&T also sponsors various causes throughout the community, including athletic events and venues, the annual Fall for Greenville community festival, the Sweetheart Charity Ball benefiting the Meals on Wheels initiative, and so much more.

The combined BB&T and SunTrust entity will have an even greater impact on our community and all communities in which it will serve. For that reason and many more, the Greenville Chamber fully supports this merger.

Sincerely,



Carlos Phillips
President and CEO