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Dear Members of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.,

On behalf of Special Olympics Maryland, I would like to offer our support of the BB&T – SunTrust merger. This union of two highly committed community-oriented institutions will extend their collective reach to communities across Maryland. There will be expanded benefits derived from inherent efficiencies resulting from the merger which will ultimately lead to increased investment in mission focused organizations like Special Olympics Maryland.

SunTrust and BB&T will help provide more transformative experiences and build interactive inclusive communities of dignity and respect that include our athletes, families, volunteers and an expanded group of citizens across Maryland. Together, through sport, we will create a world where opportunity is not limited by disability.

We wholeheartedly support the merger of SunTrust and BB&T as we believe the collective assets of human and financial resources resulting from the merger will have a profoundly positive impact on all communities throughout Maryland.



James C. Schmutz
President & CEO