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To whom it may concern:

I am writing on behalf of the Columbia Chamber and the 1,200+ businesses that we represent. The Chamber has a long-standing history with BB&T and we are in favor of the proposed merger between BB&T and SunTrust.

BB&T has been an active Partner with the Chamber for nearly 30 years. The executives of BB&T in South Carolina have been longtime supporters of the Chamber of Commerce and our Partners. BB&T has lent its senior executives to serve on the Chamber's Board of Directors and Executive Committee. Additionally, BB&T has provided fiscal support to the initiatives which the Chamber undertakes.

This impact of BB&T reaches far beyond just the Chamber membership. Businesses of all sizes in our capital city benefit for the model that BB&T sets as being a good corporate citizen.

On behalf of the Chamber Partners, we support the merger and believe the combined entry will be good for the community and its citizens.

Take Care,



Carl W. Blackstone
President & CEO