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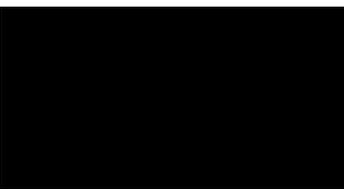
To Whom It May Concern:

As the lead economic development organization for The Woodlands, TX, we offer our support for the merger between BB&T and SunTrust. We have had the pleasure of working with Steve Smith, Market President, BB&T, for over 5 years as a client and as a partner in our mission to grow jobs and capital investment in our community.

BB&T's committed presence in our community goes beyond their role as one of the largest financial services holding companies in the U.S. to a bank that is dedicated to building a stronger and more vital community. With their leadership and financial support, The Woodlands has enjoyed unprecedented commercial growth in the last several years. The area's economic base is well diversified with over 4,000 employers, including all business sectors. These businesses range from owner-operated establishments to global corporate headquarters.

BB&T's merger with SunTrust will ultimately be good for our community and their associates. We look forward to a successful union of equals that will bring further prosperity for all.

Sincerely,



Gil P. Staley
CEO

