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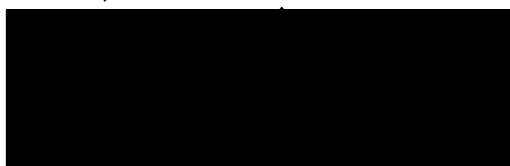
To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to support the merger between BB&T and Sun Trust. I am the President & CEO of Brighton Center, Inc., a non-profit community-based organization in Newport, KY. BB&T has been our banking partner for the past 4 years. Brighton Center's mission is to create opportunities for individuals and families to reach self-sufficiency through family support serviced, education, employment and leadership. We served over 43,000 individuals our last fiscal year through 41 different programs for low-income people in the Northern Kentucky region. About 1/3 of our customers are children, under the age of 18, and the remainder are adults who either are underemployed, unemployed, or disabled. We wrap comprehensive services around these individuals to partner with them to achieve their goals related to self-sufficiency.

BB&T has been highly supportive of our self-sufficiency mission. We maintain our day-to-day checking account needs with them, as well as two lines of credit, and a bond loan. BB&T has also managed the investments in our Board Designated fund which total approximately 3.5 million. In addition, the bank has provided sponsorships for our fundraising events of \$12,500 annually and provided program grants averaging \$15,000 per year for homeownership counseling and financial education for our customers. BB&T has also traditionally served on our Board of Directors and provided a few volunteers for our fundraising events. They have provided many other community connections that support our mission.

In short, BB&T is a great community partner and reaches out to us to make sure our needs are being met. They are invested in the community through broader initiatives as well that benefit the region. They understand that businesses, non-profits, and other community stakeholders need to work together to strengthen our region. We are confident a merger will be positive for our community.

Sincerely,



Tammy Weidinger

