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To Interested Parties,

This letter will serve as my support of the BB&T/SunTrust merger. BB&T and SunTrust have been strong partners and advocates for small businesses and communities in the State of Georgia.

Gude Management Group (GMG) is a construction management and engineering firm located in Atlanta, Georgia. We are a small business with 45 employees. We are also a proud client of both BB&T and SunTrust. We have a line of credit with BB&T and had a line of credit with SunTrust in the past. We currently have active checking accounts with both organizations. We can say unequivocally both organizations are very professional and supportive of small businesses.

I have also served on a number of boards with BB&T executives and SunTrust executives. Most notably the Georgia Chamber of Commerce Board of Governors. I was fortunate to have the privilege of serving on the Chamber's Board of Governors with Brant Standridge of BB&T. Brant showed great leadership on the executive committee.

I can tell you without a doubt, as Georgia's economy continues to grow and diversify, BB&T and SunTrust will continue to play major roles and be very effective in helping sustain small businesses and the community at large.

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