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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this email in support of the merger between BB&T and SunTrust.

I am a CPA as well as an owner and CFO of a temporary staffing firm named Axiom Staffing Group. Axiom has 21 locations in Georgia, Florida, Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania. We are a full service provider of clerical, administrative and light industrial staffing to a wide variety of clients and routinely employ over 2,300 people each week.

We have had a wonderful and supportive relationship with James Holmes and his team at BB&T for five or six years. During that time, they have provided Axiom with an operating line of credit, required letters of credit and treasury services which have allowed us to continue to grow and serve our clients well. Our relationship and their support has been instrumental in that success. For that reason, we are supportive of the proposed merger between BB&T and SunTrust and believe that the combined entity will continue to support our growth as we move forward.

Thanks for your time and please feel free to reach out if that is appropriate.

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