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To whom it may concern:

As a native of rural Eastern North Carolina in the 1960s, I was keenly aware of BB&T's impact on the economic development of this region of North Carolina. Over the past two decades, the Columbia Urban League has had a progressive and supportive relationship with Mr. Michael Brennan, president of South Carolina BB&T. Additionally, for the past several years, we have worked closely with Mr. Delrod McIver, senior vice president, BB&T Community Reinvestment (CRA) and Community Specialist.

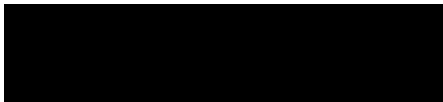
Both Mr. Brennan and Mr. McIver have been strong advocates and supporters of the Columbia Urban League's mission of empowering undeserved and disadvantaged communities. Mr. McIver has provided resource support through grants from BB&T for summer employment opportunities and financial literacy training for disadvantaged and undeserved children primarily in foster care. These grants have enabled us to provide work experiences and economic support for hundreds of youth.

In addition to serving youth, we have had a discussion with Mr. McIver on developing a partnership to provide greater access and opportunities to home affordable home-ownership for low-income families in Columbia and Richland County, SC.

The Columbia Urban League is an affiliate of the National Urban League with the primary mission of empowering African Americans and other undeserved communities to become productive and contributing members of society through direct service delivery, advocacy, and community bridge building.

I support this merger and believe it will provide more opportunities in home ownership and economic opportunities for low-income and minority families.

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