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To whom it may concern:

Plexus Capital, LLC (“Plexus”) is pleased to confirm its support of the merger between SunTrust and BB&T (the “Merger”). Plexus is a Small Business Investment Company (SBIC) with offices in Raleigh, NC and Charlotte, NC focused on providing capital to lower middle market companies in the U.S., which we define as companies with less than \$10M of EBITDA. Founded in 2005, Plexus has invested over \$900 million in more than 100 companies across a broad range of industries.

Plexus has maintained a relationship with SunTrust for more than a decade; one of the first Plexus investments in 2005 was made in a North Carolina business in partnership with SunTrust. SunTrust is also an investor in Plexus, thereby supporting our efforts to invest in small businesses throughout the U.S. Given our headquarters are in North Carolina, we are aligned with SunTrust in our geographic focus; more than a third of our investments have been made into the Southeast.

We believe the Merger will provide NewCo with greater scale and a heightened ability to support small businesses throughout the Southeast. Once the Merger has been finalized, we believe NewCo will have a larger appetite for SBIC investments, more opportunities to invest alongside Plexus in small businesses, and a positive impact on communities through job growth and economic revitalization.

We look forward to growing our relationship with NewCo and partnering together to support small businesses in our combined geographic footprint. Please feel free to reach out to Plexus if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

PLEXUS CAPITAL, LLC

By  _____
Michael Painter
Managing Partner