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To Whom It May Concern:

The Prince George's Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) with its over 600 members and 30,000 employees supports the merger of SunTrust and BB&T financial institutions. For Prince George's County and the Washington Metropolitan region, this merger will form a considerable partner in community engagement and investment.

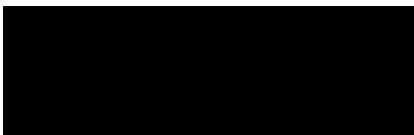
With SunTrust's unweaving support, the Chamber has undergone tremendous growth. We are the largest Chamber in Prince George's County, Maryland and in the top 15 in the Washington Metropolitan region. The Chamber has major corporate members including: CareFirst, Kaiser Permanente, 2U, Pepco, Washington Sanitary Commission, Washington Gas, Farmers Insurance, and Southern Management to name a few. We have convened meetings on the relocation of Amazon to the region, investments in Opportunity Zones, health care business growth and redevelopment investment.

In all of this work, SunTrust is a major partner. Presently, SunTrust has a seat on our Executive Committee and in a few years, we expect SunTrust to be elected Chair of our Board. In fact, our financial growth, in part, is due to SunTrust's financial advice. Both positions provide a venture for SunTrust to expend its community leadership and play a central role in business investment.

This merger is timely! In the next five years, Prince George's County will experience over 6 billion dollars of growth. The County will boast of a new regional medical center, transit oriented development, business expansion along the County's university corridor, tech startups and, housing growth. Already, with National Harbor the County is the regional center for conferences and entertainment and is 1<sup>st</sup> in Maryland in job growth. This economic development demands financial institutions that will provide needed capital for inclusive small business participation. This merger will be in a position to provide these resources.

If needed, the Chamber is willing to provide verbal testimony in support of this merger. In short, we see this as both a community and business opportunity that will help guide business in Prince George's County.

Sincerely,



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