March 18, 2021

Ms. Kay Sibetta  
AARP Georgia Associate State Director  
999 Peachtree Street, NE, Suite 1110  
Atlanta, GA 30309

Dear Ms. Sibetta,

The Southern Georgia Regional Commission (SGRC) is the regional planning and intergovernmental coordination agency which serves 45 municipalities and 18 counties in Southern Georgia and includes the Area Agency on Aging among its Divisions. The SGRC’s mission is to effectively and efficiently oversee the implementation and administration of programs and services that assist local governments, resulting in an improved quality of life for Southern Georgians.

The SGRC is interested in pursuing a region-wide effort to become an AARP Georgia and World Health Organization’s (WHO) Age-Friendly Community. The SGRC is dedicated to addressing the WHO’s eight domains of livability. The goal is to ensure aging residents have the resources needed to be healthy, independent, and integrated into community life to improve their quality of life.

As a prospective participant in this national network of Age-Friendly communities, Ware County, through the SGRC, seeks to actively engage older adults, establish any needed resolutions to work towards becoming age-friendly, establish an action plan that responds to the needs identified by older adults in the community, and also commit to measuring activities, reviewing action plan outcomes, and reporting on these publicly.

We look forward to joining AARP Georgia and its network of communities committed to allowing older residents to live rewarding, productive, and safe lives.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Elmer Thrift, SGRC Council Member  
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