October 7, 2020

Ms. Beth Finkel
AARP
750 Third Ave
NY, NY 10017

Dear Ms. Finkel:

On behalf of Herkimer County, NY, I am pleased to offer this letter of commitment to continue to create a safe age-friendly environment for the residents of Herkimer County and respectively request membership to the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities.

Herkimer County commits to promote successful aging and improve the quality of life for all residents; promote health, sustain growth, and contribute to the well-being of individuals who live, work, play and learn of all abilities and stages of life in Herkimer County. We understand there is value in utilizing AARP’s Eight Domains of Livability and the World Health Organization’s Smart Growth Principles in establishing a more age-friendly community.

Herkimer County has an ever-growing aging population and a committed team of individuals from diverse industries, which offer a number of opportunities to begin this initiative. By committing to an age friendly initiative and as part of the national network of age friendly communities, it is the intent of Herkimer County Government to facilitate the following activities:

- Establish an age-friendly task force through the Office for the Aging and Herkimer County HealthNet
- Incorporate additional health and human service resources into this process
- Include active engagement of older adults from the Herkimer County community
- Measure activities and review action plan outcomes
- Inform the public, primarily older adults, throughout this process

Thank you for your consideration of membership for Herkimer County to the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and the World Health Organization’s Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities.

Sincerely,

Vincent J. Bono, Chairman
Herkimer County Legislature