Mayor Catherine Cerceone Miller

Ms. Holly Holtzen
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Dear Ms. Holtzen,

On behalf of the City of Struthers, Ohio, I am pleased to offer this letter of our commitment to creating an age-friendly environment in a livable community that promotes health and wellness and that prioritizes the wellbeing of residents in all stages of life. We are excited to join AARP’s Age-Friendly Communities network; We want to see our seniors thrive.

As the City of Struthers embarks on its first-ever comprehensive planning effort, we want to improve the quality of life for all residents. We understand that by planning for seniors, we are planning for all and we see great value in integrating AARP’s Eight Domains of Livability into the framework of our comprehensive plan to ensure we are working toward a more age-friendly city.

As a participant in the AARP and the World Health Organization (WHO) Age-Friendly Community, it is the intent of the City of Struthers to:

- Pursue the active engagement of older adults in the comprehensive planning process through inclusive outreach and engagement by:
  - Bringing engagement opportunities to where older people live and recreate
  - Pursuing outreach through churches, civic organizations, AARP, and other providers of aging services
  - Hosting events designed for older people
- Establish a plan of action that responds to the needs identified by the older people in our community
- Develop a means to measure our planning activities and implementation strategies to ensure we are on track to meeting our goal of becoming an age-friendly city
- Keep older residents informed throughout the planning process

We look forward to working with AARP Ohio staff, members, and volunteers to make Struthers, Ohio a city where we can all age within the community, with dignity.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Catherine Cerceone Miller
Mayor of Struthers

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