April 21, 2021

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Dear Ms. Sibetta,

On behalf of the City of Clarkston, Georgia, I am pleased to offer this letter of our ongoing commitment to creating an age-friendly environment. We are excited to join AARP's Age-Friendly Communities network. Clarkston is committed to becoming a livable community to promote health and sustainable growth and contribute to the wellbeing of citizens in all stages of life.

The Clarkston City Council understands the valuable and important role that seniors play in creating a sustainable community within the City of Clarkston. In 2018, the Clarkston City Council formed the Clarkston Senior Resident Advisory Committee. The mission of the Clarkston Senior Resident Advisory Committee is to advise the Mayor, City Council, and City Manager regarding issues affecting Clarkston’s senior residents. The CSRA committee shall study, assess and render advice regarding plans and City programs related to seniors, and shall bring forth any issues or concerns to the City’s elected officials in order to better serve senior residents. Additionally, the City of Clarkston is now home to Starnes Senior Living, market-quality affordable Elderly Housing of approximately 128 elderly-resident independent living units.

Currently, the City of Clarkston is updating its Comprehensive Plan, we want to promote successful aging and improve the quality of life for all residents. There is great value in utilizing the AARP’s Eight Domains of Livability in establishing a more age-friendly city: making outdoor spaces and buildings more senior friendly, increasing the accessibility and affordability of transportation and housing, increasing access and opportunities for social participation and inclusion through programs that promote ethnic and cultural diversity, supporting work and volunteer opportunities, access to communication and information, and supporting the ability of older people to age in place through community support and health services.

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

- Pursue the active engagement of older adults in the planning process through outreach and inclusion by bringing events to where older people live and recreate.
- Pursue outreach through churches, civic organizations, AARP, providers of aging services and host events designed for older people.
- Establish a plan of action that responds to the needs identified by older people.
- Develop a means to measure our activities, reviewing action plan outcomes and plans to determine we are meeting our goals.
- Keep the public, especially older people, informed throughout the process.

We look forward to working with AARP Georgia staff, members, and volunteers to make Clarkston an aging-friendly community.

Sincerely,

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