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Ms. Stephanie Hunsinger
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AARP New Jersey
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Dear Ms. Hunsinger,

On behalf of the State of New Jersey, I am pleased to write this letter of commitment to advancing age-friendly policies and practices in our state. We are excited to join AARP's Age-Friendly Communities network and look forward to contributing to the ongoing dialogue on creating livable communities for people all ages. And I am confident that New Jersey's unique and diverse perspective will inform work happening throughout the United States and the global network of age-friendly communities.

As part of this important project, I have issued Executive Order 227 directing the formation of the Age-Friendly State Advisory Council comprised of state and local officials, key stakeholders, businesses, and experts from our robust higher education community. There is great value in using the World Health Organization's eight domains of community life as a framework for our blueprint to revitalize, develop and enhance outdoor spaces, transportation networks, affordable housing options, social networks, employment opportunities, communication, and community health services.

In New Jersey, the Advisory Council will specifically work to:

- Identify opportunities for the creation of livable communities,
- Recommend best practices for age-friendly employment and civic participation; and
- Promote age-friendly community inclusion and equitable outcomes for older adults.

We look forward to continuing this work with AARP New Jersey staff and creating a path to a brighter future for all New Jerseyans.

Sincerely,

Philip D. Murphy
Governor