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Hank Greenberg
Maryland State AARP Director
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Dear Mr. Greenberg,

On behalf of Calvert County, the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners want to express interest and enthusiasm in joining the World Health Organization (WHO) and AARP’s Network of Age-Friendly Communities. We are committed to advancing policies and programs that provide a high quality of life and purposeful opportunity for community and civic engagement.

In the coming years, Calvert County’s older adult population is projected to continue to increase. Currently, the number of residents ages 60 and older is 22,114, almost a quarter of our county’s population.¹ That figure is anticipated to increase by over 30% in the next 25 years. Our Office on Aging Division has established a safety net for vulnerable seniors. Aging staff promote physical, emotional, and financial well-being of caregivers; provide affordable, accessible and varied transportation options; promote affordable housing solutions with greater accessibility to our public spaces and facilities, among other services. We support the vision of an Age-Friendly Calvert County, where older adults age in place, if they so choose, with the resources and support that they need to live with dignity.

Our county’s Commission on Aging members provide input to the county’s comprehensive planning process, as well as planning for town centers, housing, transportation, senior centers, libraries and more. Commissioners also serve as representatives on several relevant organizations such as the Tri-County Council, Maryland AARP, National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), United Seniors of Maryland (USM), and others, to improve seniors’ lives.

Our next step is to address the priority areas under the framework for Age-Friendly Communities and to establish an Age-Friendly Coordinator. This coordinator will provide integrated cross-county coordination and collaboration around Age-Friendly initiatives. We look forward to working with Maryland AARP to move forward on the Age-Friendly initiative. Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,

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¹ Maryland “State Plan on Aging 2022-2025”, pg.9.