March 7, 2022

Ms. Holly Holtzen  
AARP Ohio State Director  
17 South High Street, Suite 800  
Columbus, OH 43125

Dear Ms. Holtzen:

On behalf of Harrison Township, I am pleased to offer this letter indicating our commitment to creating an age-friendly community. We are excited to join AARP’s Age-Friendly Communities network. Harrison Township is committed to becoming a livable community to promote health and sustainable growth and contribute to the well-being of its residents in all stages of life.

As Harrison Township goes through many changes and undertakes many planning projects, including the creation of a Comprehensive Plan, an emphasis has been placed on increasing the age-friendliness of our entire community which will increase our resident’s overall quality of life. In reviewing the AARP’s Eight Domains of Livability, we believe that these domains are key to improving our community for existing aging citizens along with preparing for the future.

As a participant in the AARP and the World Health Organization (WHO) Age-Friendly Community, it is the intent of Harrison Township 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 making residents informed of the events and location.
- Engage in an assessment of the current conditions of the community and identify our strengths and weaknesses.
- Establish a plan of action that responds to the needs identified by current residents and the outcome of the current conditions assessment.
- Develop a means to measure our activities, reviewing action plan outcomes and plans to determine if we are meeting our goals.
- Keep the public, especially older residents, informed throughout the process and continue to ensure their voice is heard.

We look forward to working with AARP Ohio staff, members, and volunteers to make our township a place where all can continue to age in place with a high quality of life.

Sincerely,

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Trustee President Georgeann Godsey