January 11, 2022

Mr. Sam Wilson  
AARP Wisconsin State Director  
222 W. Washington Avenue, #600  
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Mr. Wilson:

On behalf of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, I am pleased to offer our continued commitment to creating and maintaining an age-friendly community. Appleton strives to become a livable community for residents of all ages, abilities, racial and ethnic backgrounds, and socioeconomic levels. Thus, we are excited to join AARP in this endeavor.

The City of Appleton’s 2010-2030 Comprehensive Plan promotes improving the quality of life for all residents. This plan is in line with AARP’s Eight Domains of Livability to establish 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 residents to age in place through community support and health services.

As a participant in the AARP Age-Friendly Community it is the intent of the City of Appleton to:

- Create a diverse Advisory Committee to help guide the City’s growth in this initiative
- Conduct an Age-Friendly Community Survey for a baseline assessment of the age-friendliness of our community
- Pursue the active engagement of aging adults in the planning process through outreach to civic organizations, AARP, churches, providers of aging services, etc.
- Develop a plan of action that responds to the needs identified through this outreach effort
- Develop a means to measure our success
- Keep the community informed throughout the process

We look forward to working with AARP staff, members, and volunteers to help make the City of Appleton a place where we can all age with dignity.

Sincerely,

[Signature]  
Jake Woodford, Mayor

cc: Paula Vandehey, Director of Public Works