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Lou Tobian
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Dear Mr. Tobian:

The City of Fayetteville, Arkansas, USA is excited to work with AARP-Arkansas to join the WHO Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities. We have reviewed the WHO model for continual improvement and commit fully to follow this cycle as we prepare Fayetteville, Arkansas, as an Age-Friendly Community so that we might optimally serve our growing older population.

To successfully reach our goal to become a WHO Age-Friendly city, we have formed a collaboration between the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas, the University of Arkansas, the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce and the Area Agency on Aging-Northwest Arkansas. All of these parties are in complete agreement that Fayetteville, Arkansas should be established as Age-Friendly. Through this collaboration, we have obtained adequate resources to complete the first two years of the first five-year cycle.

Upon recognition as a member of the Age Friendly network, our intent is to first establish an advisory board that will engage all community constituencies and then to engage our community by utilizing the WHO cycle of continual improvement to assess-plan-implement-evaluate our progress as an Age Friendly City. Fayetteville citizens who are 50 years old and older will be an integral part of this process and will be invited to participate every facet of this initiative.

University of Arkansas professors Alishia Ferguson, PhD and Jean Henry, PhD, co-investigators, will lead this initiative. The Office for Studies on Aging at the University of Arkansas will sponsor the initiative. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me. You may also contact Alishia Ferguson at ajfergus@uark.edu or Jean Henry at ljhenry@uark.edu. We look forward to working with you over the next five years.

Sincerely,



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Mayor