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September 9, 2014

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Dear Ms. Williams:

On behalf of the City of Birmingham, we are excited to write this letter of support and intent to join AARP and the World Health Organization to become an Age-Friendly Community. Birmingham is committed to making our city friendly to all ages.

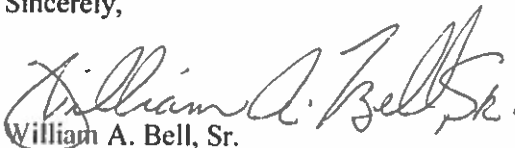
Birmingham has always prided itself as a city that utilizes the talents and energy of all its citizens; in particular citizens whose life experiences and maturity can give special insight and guidance to make Birmingham a more livable city.

As a participant in AARP's Age-Friendly Network of Communities, the City of Birmingham will engage partners such as AARP Alabama, UAB Sustainable Smart Cities Research Center, The Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham, the Health Action Partnership among others and commit to the following:

- Include the engagement of older adults in a task force to support Age-Friendly Community process
- Develop a baseline assessment of Birmingham's age-friendliness that considers the Age-Friendly Network's eight established domains of livability
- Support the development and implementation of a measurable action plan based on the findings of the assessment

The City of Birmingham is devoted to giving its citizens the opportunity to live rewarding, productive and safe lives. Thank you for your consideration of our participation and membership in AARP's Network of Age-Friendly Communities.

Sincerely,


William A. Bell, Sr.



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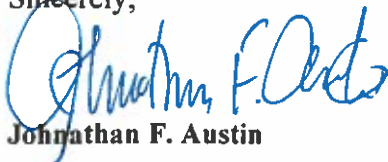
On behalf of the Birmingham City Council, I am pleased to offer this letter of commitment to create an age-friendly Birmingham. Birmingham recognizes and values the importance of planning for the changing and aging demographics of our communities and is requesting membership into AARP and the World Health Organization's Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities.

Birmingham is the largest city in Alabama, rich in diversity, culture and history. Known as a city of civil rights conflict and reconciliation, Birmingham has grown into a city that acknowledges and understands the past while planning and building for a great future. It is our hope that being a part of the Age-Friendly Network of Communities is a part of that future.

As a City Council we will support the development and implementation of plans that build an Age Friendly Community considering the Network's eight established domains of livability. Our goal is to offer our citizens the opportunity to live their best lives in the City of Birmingham.

Thank you for your consideration of our participation and membership in AARP's Network of Age-Friendly Communities.

Sincerely,



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