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Ms. Karen Kafantaris
Associate State Director
AARP Michigan
309 N. Washington Square, Suite 110
Lansing, MI 48933

Dear Ms. Kafantaris,

The City of Lansing is pleased to partner with AARP on becoming an Age-Friendly Community.

I believe the concept of creating an Age-Friendly Community works well with Lansing's Complete Streets focus to make our public right-of-way accessible for all modes and people of all ages and abilities. While age-friendly communities enhance independent living for older citizens, I believe these communities are also appealing to people of all ages.

As the city's population continues to become more diverse, and those over 65 years old continue to make up close to 10% of the population, we need to find ways to make sure that these residents are able to continue to live rewarding, productive and safe lives. I believe making Lansing more age-friendly is a great way to capitalize on the diversity we already have and retain more residents and businesses, while encouraging continued growth and vitality.

The City of Lansing is committed to working with AARP to complete a community survey, develop an action plan that responds to the needs identified in the survey, and work to implement this plan. We look forward to working with AARP and creating new partnerships with others as we strive to make Lansing an even greater place for all ages.

Sincerely,

Virg Bernero
Mayor of Lansing