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LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY**

GREG FISCHER
MAYOR

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Mr. Ron Bridges, Kentucky State Director
AARP Kentucky
10401 Linn Station Road, Suite 121
Louisville, Kentucky 40223

Dear Mr. Bridges:

On behalf of Louisville Metro Government, I am pleased to support Louisville's membership application to join with AARP and the World Health Organization (WHO) in the Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities. The application aligns with our administration's ongoing efforts to create an environment in which citizens of all ages and abilities can thrive.

Louisville's population of 763,623 currently includes 15% of people over the age of 60. The trends and data we are seeing indicate that this population will increase by as much as 40% by 2050. Membership in the Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities will help us plan for our growing population of seniors as well as provide us with best practice tools to expand and improve on the work we are already doing to bring age-friendly practices to the forefront of our community.

Louisville is a world-leader in lifelong wellness and aging care. With more than 21,000 professionals who actively support healthy aging in our community, Louisville is home to the nation's largest collection of headquarters in nursing home, rehabilitation, assisted living and home health administration. In addition, we continue to focus on creating a healthier community by improving walkability, expanding our pedestrian, bike and transit network, and promoting exercise and social activities that encourage optimal aging. Our pledge to being a compassionate city also assures our citizens that people of all ages can flourish.

Finally, our partnerships with the University of Louisville and the Institute for Sustainable Health & Optimal Aging expand our age-friendly efforts and brings critical research, data analysis and expertise to the table.

We look forward to working with WHO, AARP and their Kentucky staff and volunteers to ensure that our community has the appropriate infrastructure in place to ensure our citizens can age with dignity and independence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Fischer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Greg" being more prominent than the last name "Fischer".

Greg Fischer
Mayor