



April 19, 2016

Lori Parham
AARP Maine State Director
53 Baster Blvd
Portland ME 04101

Dear Ms. Parham,

On behalf of the City of Eastport , I am pleased to submit this letter of interest and commitment in the AARP/World Health Organization Network of Age-Friendly Communities. Eastport recognizes the importance of encouraging and promoting age-friendly planning and policies to address changing demographics and to enhance independent living, and is committed to a process of continual improvement to support active and healthy aging.

Nearly 40% of Eastport's population is 60 and older. While the community has many resources in place, we recognize that more can be done to facilitate aging in place with social inclusion, respect, and environmental adaptations.

As part of our involvement and commitment we will conduct a base assessment of the community's age-friendliness and develop a community action plan based on the findings of the assessment. We will involve older residents deeply in the planning process and we commit to monitoring progress toward implementing the action plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elaine Abbott", written in a cursive style.

Elaine Abbott
City Manager