



COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

February 20, 2015

Beth Finkel
State Director AARP New York
435 East Henrietta Road
Rochester, New York 14620

Re: Erie County Age Friendly Community Initiative

Dear Ms. Finkel:

As County Executive I am ever mindful of increasing the quality and consistency of services for older adults in our community while maintaining the quality of life that make Buffalo and Erie County a great place to live for everyone regardless of age. As such, I am writing to declare our formal intent to enter the AARP Network of Age Friendly Communities.

With the assistance of the Center for Inclusive Design and Environmental Access at the State University of New York at Buffalo, we have generated great interest in this work. I look forward to sharing great success with the AARP and our community stakeholders as we strive to build an age friendly community for older adults in Erie County.

This initiative will be a great opportunity for community collaboration as we set a course that leads to the most "Age Friendly" community that we can possibly be. Please do not hesitate to contact Commissioner Hoak at (716) 858-6922, for assistance in the future.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark C. Poloncarz", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
County Executive

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cc: Randall Hoak, Commissioner, Erie County Dept. of Senior Services
William Armbruster, AARP, Inc.