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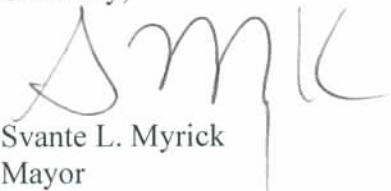
Dear Ms. Finkel:

It is with great pleasure that I write to you today to express the City of Ithaca's interest in pursuing admission into the World Health Organization (WHO) and AARP's Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Initiative. Along with other selected communities in the nation, Ithaca is committed to promoting policies to make our community friendly to aging populations.

Ithaca has been named as one of the top cities in which to live and we are proud of that. More importantly, we are proud to be a diverse community that addresses the needs of our population. Toward that end, our local Office for the Aging recently convened 8 consensus conferences on different topics related to aging, bringing together a total of 145 community stakeholders, including older adults, business leaders, service providers, law enforcement, academia, and many others. Out of this process came Strategic Plan for Aging in Tompkins County. Through the Age Friendly Initiative, we hope to continue engaging our community to make progress on the recommendations of this plan.

We look forward working with AARP New York to continually improve our City so all citizens can age with dignity.

Sincerely,



Svante L. Myrick
Mayor

