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Mr. James Dau  
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Dear Mr. Dau,

On behalf of the City of Alexandria, I am so pleased to express my interest in joining the AARP/World Health Organization (WHO) Age-Friendly Community Network. The City has taken many steps to make Alexandria a Livable Community for all Ages, but the City Council and I have agreed that we should participate in the Network to help make Alexandria an even greater place in which to grow old. It is my expectation that Alexandria, which has so much to offer, can be one of the premier cities in the nation for older residents—and for those of all ages.

In 2012, the City Council approved Alexandria's Strategic Plan on Aging, and much has been accomplished since its passage. This plan, however, expires in 2017, and we look forward to the Network providing us a national and international context from which to select those ideas and best practices that can inform Alexandria's three-year action plan. This plan will cover the years 2018 to 2020, and will fulfill one of the requirements of AARP/WHO for participation in the Network.

The Alexandria Commission on Aging and Division of Aging will be spearheading the development of the action plan, in consultation with me and the City Council. Commission members are and have been committed to identifying the needs of our older residents, especially those who are economically or socially disadvantaged. They work closely with aging advocates in the City, the region, and the state, and as do we, meet frequently with older City residents and their caregivers in smaller groups and in forums. Very importantly, the Commissioners are determined to enhance their understanding of the needs of our very diverse population, which involves intensifying their already robust communication efforts.

I believe that the requirements for joining the Network will promote the creation of a very strong action plan. We are committed to:

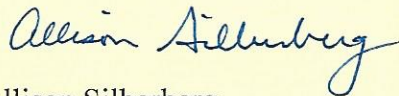
1. Establishing mechanisms to involve older people;
2. A baseline assessment of the age-friendliness of the community;

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3. The development of a community-wide action plan based on the findings of the assessments; and
4. Identification of indicators so progress can be monitored against the action plan.

I am very grateful for the opportunity to work with AARP/WHO. We are so proud of our City and believe that we will both benefit from and contribute to the important work you are doing on behalf of the nation's communities.

All my best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Allison Silberberg".

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