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Mr. Bill Armbruster
Advisor, AARP Livable Communities Programs
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RE: Age-Friendly Urbana, Illinois

Dear Mr. Armbruster:

The City of Urbana is delighted to join with the AARP Livable Communities Program and the World Health Organization (WHO) to become an Age-Friendly Community. Alongside our sister city of Champaign, Illinois, and with the support of the University of Illinois Center on Health, Aging and Disability, and numerous community partners, Urbana is committed to age-friendly policies.

The City of Urbana is a progressive community known for walkable neighborhoods, multi-modal transportation, excellent schools and parks, active citizenry and open governance. As the host city for the University of Illinois, we enjoy an international mix of arts, entertainment, and sporting events with endless opportunities for lifelong learning and exploration.

We recently convened an Age-Friendly Steering Committee comprised of a diverse group of City and Campus officials, non-profit providers, funding agencies, health service providers, faith-based institutions, and academia. Our goal is to ensure that our older residents are healthy, independent and fully integrated into community life.

As a participant in the national network of communities, it is the intent of the City of Urbana to:

- Engage older adults in the Age Friendly Steering Committee.
- Secure a council resolution to become age-friendly.
- Establish a Plan of Action responding to the needs identified by older adults.
- Commit to measuring activities, reviewing outcomes and reporting on them publicly.

We look forward to working with AARP staff and community volunteers to ensure that the City of Urbana has the appropriate services and infrastructure in place to support and enrich the lives of our older residents.

Sincerely,

Laurel Lunt Prussing

Cc: Jeffrey A. Woods, Director, Center on Health, Aging and Disability

