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Mr. William Armbruster  
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Dear Mr. Armbruster,

I am both pleased and honored to write this letter on behalf of my community, Agawam, Massachusetts. Becoming a part of AARP's Age Friendly Network will be beneficial to the residents in our community. Furthermore, taking this step will help us continue toward our goal of making Agawam a more accessible place for Senior citizens.

I give you my assurance, that as Agawam's Mayor, we will continue our mission and commitment working energetically toward increasing our efforts to make Agawam a great place for not only seniors but residents of all ages. We are constantly undertaking the necessary hard work to prepare our city to meet the needs of an ever changing population. Agawam recently became a Dementia Friendly Community as part of our determination to allow aging at home and to bring awareness throughout our city.

Monthly, I meet at our extremely active Senior Center to listen to the concerns of seniors, as well as the general public, to include them in the pertinent decision making process which affects these residents. This constant dialog helps to answer their concerns or other questions. As a result I am able to act immediately to address those issues and often preempt matters before they become problems.

I whole-heartedly look forward to joining the many other communities that are positively impacted by membership in AARP's Age Friendly Network. If you need further information or have questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Truly,

Richard A Cohen, Mayor