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Lori Parham, State Director

AARP

53 Baxter Boulevard
Portland, ME 04101

Dear Ms. Parham:

On behalf of the Town of Castine, we are pleased to submit this letter of interest and commitment in joining your Network of Age-Friendly Communities. Castine recognizes the increasing importance of encouraging and implementing programs and services to address our changing demographics. While our demographic numbers are somewhat skewed by nearly 1,000 Maine Maritime Academy students, we do have more than half of our households with a member over 60 years of age.

Castine, a town of approximately 1,366 year round residents, has always had a high level of citizen's participation and involvement. Our own At Home Downeast (through WHCA) provides services to enable aging citizens in our area to remain in their homes as long as practical and our Town will direct our limited financial resources to them. There is also a citizens group doing research on developing senior housing in the area.

We are happy to join the larger Blue Hill Peninsula community in conversation, activities and resources through Healthy Peninsula's "Thriving in Place". As a part of our commitment, we will encourage our older residents to be involved in the planning process which we hope can add clarity to our community plan through the program's outcome.

Sincerely,

James M. Goodson, III
Town Manager
for the Castine Selectmen

cc: Selectmen