

November 13, 2017

Lori Parham
AARP Maine State Director
53 Baster Blvd
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Dear Ms. Parham,

On behalf of the town of Madison, Maine, I am pleased to submit this letter of interest and commitment in the AARP/World Health Organization Network of Age-Friendly Communities. Madison recognizes the importance of encouraging and promoting age-friendly planning and policies to address changing demographics and to enhance independent living. We are committed to a process of continual improvement to support active and healthy aging. We currently are in our first year of a Betterment Foundation grant for establishing a senior gathering place through Somerset Public Health and Redington Fairview General Hospital.

As part of our involvement and commitment we have already conducted a baseline assessment of age friendliness, we have an active planning committee and now hold regular senior gatherings in the community to continually engage this population in planning and program implementation. We wish to have AARP's assistance in continued action planning across the 8 domains of livability based on the findings of the assessment. With Somerset Public Health leadership, our very active group of involved older residents is deeply engaged in the planning process and we commit to monitoring progress toward implementing the action plan.

Sincerely,



Albert Veneziano
Select Board Chair
Town of Madison