

BOZEMAN^{MT}

Mayor

May 16, 2017

Mr. Timothy Summers
AARP Montana State Director
30 West 14th Street
Suite 301
Helena, MT 59601

Dear Mr. Summers,

On behalf of the City of Bozeman, I am pleased to offer this letter of commitment to our ongoing effort toward creating an inclusive livable community and respectfully request membership to the World Health Organization's Global Network of Age Friendly Cities and Communities. Bozeman recognizes the importance of encouraging and implementing age -friendly planning and policies that will promote independent and purposeful living, support active, healthy lifestyles and sustain economic and social vitality.

We intend to ensure that Bozeman remain "the last best place" by advancing public and aging policy goals of the World Health Organization's eight domains. We take pride in the current initiatives and support systems already established in our small town, and look forward to improving and upgrading them to meet the needs of the changing demographics. Our goals include fostering partnerships among businesses and organizations to offer support systems/ services that will allow all ages and abilities to live full productive lives by improving accessibility and affordability for housing and transportation; creating jobs to help supplement fixed incomes; ensuring adequate medical services and preventive services to allow older adults to remain healthy and age in place successfully; providing activities that address all dimensions of wellness, as well as ensuring social participation and inclusion within the community.

We are committed to providing the necessary infrastructure to allow our citizens to age with dignity. We look forward to working with AARP of Montana representatives, volunteers and stakeholders to establish an advisory committee and create a plan of action that reflects the needs of our community.

Sincerely,



Carson Taylor, Mayor