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Jim Dau
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Dear Mr. Dau:

On behalf of the City of Roanoke, we are excited about the opportunity to join with AARP Virginia and the World Health Organization (WHO) to become an Age-Friendly Community. Roanoke is committed to promoting policies and practices in conjunction with other communities in the nation to make it friendly to the aging population.


In October 2014, the City of Roanoke signed the Best Cities for Successful Aging pledge. In May 2015, a work group was formed whose members include service providers for seniors. The group created and distributed a survey within the City of Roanoke to determine the needs of the aging population. The data is being analyzed by a larger group of key partners including non-profit providers, funding agencies, policy makers, and academia. The goal is to ensure seniors have the resources needed to be healthy, independent and integrated into community life.

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

- Include the active engagement of older adults in the key partners group.
- Identify strategies that respond to the needs identified by older adults in the community.
- Commit to measuring outcomes and report on outcomes at Roanoke City Council meetings.

We look forward to working with AARP Virginia staff and volunteers to ensure our community has the appropriate infrastructure in place so we can all age with dignity.

Sincerely,


Sherman P. Lea, Sr.
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