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Sam Shumway  
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Dear Mr. Shumway,

It is with great pleasure that I write to you today to express the City of Casper's interest in pursuing admission into the World Health Organization (WHO) and AARP's Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Initiative. Throughout my career in public service, I have fought to preserve the independence of aging Casper residents while working to improve the lives of persons 50 years of age and older. Ensuring the aging community has access to necessary services, is valued and able to contribute to all aspects of life, and has a healthy and supportive environment where they can safely age in place is a prime focus of the City of Casper.

In May 2016, Casper City Council adopted the Senior Services Study Update. This update reviewed and expounded upon the City's previous Senior Services Study that was completed in 2008 with assistance from the University of Wyoming School of Social Work. The 2016 Senior Services Study Update recognized that joining AARP's Age-Friendly Communities program would be an excellent tool to be used in our mission of improving the community for seniors.

With an ever-increasing population of seniors in the Casper community, we have convened a Senior Advocacy Committee comprised of a diverse group of citizens, including policy makers, funding agencies, executives from non-profit providers, and academia. Our goal is to ensure our seniors have the resources they need in order to live healthy, safe, integrated, and independent lives.

Partnering and exchanging ideas with AARP will help enhance our ability to accomplish the tasks identified in our Senior Services Study Update of 2016 in the areas of Community Design; Transportation; Financial; Healthcare; Housing; Lifelong Learning, Social and Civic Engagement, and Recreation; and Workforce/Employment and Volunteer Opportunities.

We look forward to working with AARP Wyoming staff and volunteers as we endeavor to make Casper a great place to live for people of all ages.

Sincerely,

Kenyne Humphrey  
Mayor