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Mr. Bob Gallo
222 N. LaSalle Street
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Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Mr. Gallo:

On behalf of the City of Alton we are excited about the opportunity to join with AARP Illinois and the World Health Organization (WHO) to become an Age-Friendly Community. Along with other selected communities in the nation, Alton is committed to promoting policies to make American cities friendly to aging populations.

The City of Alton is growing in Health care services with the expansion of two hospitals along with the location of new Dr. Offices. We have and are continuing the improvement of access to recreation and green spaces.

We tout our top notch Senior Services Plus program that offers a myriad of programming to include events and activities geared toward seniors.

- They offer a Foster Grandparent program that keep seniors interacting with young people
- Home Care program to keep seniors in their homes as long as possible
- Information and Assistance with state and federal programs
- School of Dance keeping everyone active
- Meals on Wheels that deliver meals on a daily basis to seniors
- School House Grill offers nutrition on a daily basis
- Travel to many destinations
- Wellness and Fitness center to keep our seniors fit
- Safe Connections that offers personal emergency response with 2 way communication
- Ombudsman program that provides support and advocacy to seniors and disabled living in long term care facilities

The City of Alton also provides ambulance service and Madison County Transit offers public transportation as well as door to door service to seniors and Lewis and Clark Community College offers tuition free classes for those over 65 years of age.

To address our senior population, our community recently convened a Community Forum on Livability comprised of a diverse group, including executives from non-profit providers, health agencies, funding agencies, policy makers, and academia. Our goal is to ensure our aging neighbors have the resources 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 Alton to:

- Include the active engagement of older adults in our future community forums.
- Secure a council resolution to work toward becoming age-friendly.
- Establish a Plan of Action that responds to the needs identified by older adults in the community.
- Commit to measuring activities, reviewing action plans outcomes and reporting on them publicly.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brant Walker".

Brant Walker, Mayor
City of Alton