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Mr. Michael Festa
AARP MA State Director
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Dear Mr. Festa:

On behalf of the Town of Acushnet, we are excited about the opportunity to join with AARP Massachusetts to establish ourselves as an Age-Friendly Community and are committed to developing and promoting policies and programs that are age-friendly and address the changing demographics of our community.

In May and June of 2018, 198 residents participated in a community needs assessment survey to help identify areas of concern they feel should be addressed in Acushnet for individuals to be able to age safely in the housing of their choice. We feel this process helped develop a strong framework to build upon in developing what is commonly known as the eight domains of livability that influence the quality of life for every aging resident.

As part of our commitment to this initiative, we intend to establish a plan of action that will positively respond to the needs identified by residents while also reviewing existing programs, reviewing action plan outcomes and reporting our findings publicly. Thank you for your consideration of the Town of Acushnet, to the World Health Organization's and AARP's Network of Age-Friendly Communities.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Cioper
Chairman

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cc: Heather Sylvia, COA Director