June 1, 2018

Mr. Mike Festa
AARP Massachusetts
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Dear Mr. Festa,

It is my pleasure to submit this letter as an expression of the Town of Scituate’s commitment to joining with AARP Massachusetts and the World Health Organization (WHO) to become an Age-Friendly community. Here in the coastal Town of Scituate we are rich in heritage and the contributions of our older residents are essential to preserving this community asset. As the Town Administrator, I am proud to support this initiative, and the subsequent process, towards becoming the strong and vibrant community in which to grow up and to grow old.

For the progressive community of Scituate, we believe the time is now for pursuing this goal of becoming an age-friendly community. For example, we recently established a Cultural District for our downtown area, and have also developed ongoing relationships with West County Cork, Ireland and Sucy-en-Brie in France as “sister cities” which paves the way for opportunities to share and promote our respective resources internationally with citizens of all ages. Most notably, the Town of Scituate has begun the process of building a new senior center. The building will be located in the heart of Scituate in close proximity to other community resources like the library, recreation department and outdoor parks. This new building project provides prominent placement for fostering community connection and offers shared physical facilities for numerous activities promoting healthy aging and accessibility. These pursuits speak to our interest in enriching the lives of our residents and ensuring that our beautiful and historic surroundings are enjoyed by people of all ages and abilities.

Following submission of our interest to the WHO and AARP, our next steps will include:

- Develop a steering committee of residents, community partners, and municipal stakeholders;
- Make an initial announcement of intent to the community. We anticipate this will take the form of an official announcement at an upcoming meeting of the Board of Selectmen and pursuit of grant money to support the installation of a physical representation of our age-friendly pursuits;
• Establish a plan of action to guide the work of the steering community and other partners towards our age-friendly goals.

We are excited to join this network of international communities and begin the work of ensuring that Scituate is a place to age with dignity.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

James M. Boudreau
Town Administrator