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June 18, 2018

Todd Fahey  
State Director  
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Dear Todd:


On behalf of the Town of Freedom, I am proud to provide this Letter of Support to AARP New Hampshire for the application for Membership of our town as an Age-Friendly Community that is being submitted by the Gibson Center for Senior Services.

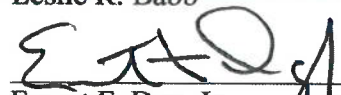
As one of the many towns that make up the Mount Washington Valley, we are aware of the rapidly growing needs of our aging population in our entire region. Improvements in making our towns more livable should and will be coordinated across several town lines. We also recognize we have much to offer and to gain from our other neighboring towns.

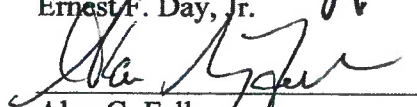
We, therefore, are pleased to provide our representative Rick Davidson (Alternate Cindy Fleming) to the regional Steering Committee that will develop our regionally based initial Age-Friendly Community Action Plan.

If you have any questions regarding our participation, you may contact Rick Davidson at 603-493-8287.

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Mr. Todd Fahey  
AARP New Hampshire  
45 S. Main Street #202  
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July 2, 2018

Dear Todd,

Enclosed please find The Gibson Center for Senior Services application for Mt. Washington Valley's designation as an AARP Age Friendly Community. Towns currently signing on include Conway, Albany, Bartlett, Freedom, Eaton and Madison. We anticipate Tamworth, Harts Location, Jackson, Hales Location, Chatham and Fryeburg, Maine to have support letters within the month.

Fryeburg, Maine is considered a part of Mt. Washington Valley. We will be submitting an application to Maine AARP to cover that geographical base.

We have gotten very positive response from individuals who want to serve on the steering committee. We are hoping to have our first meeting by the end of August or early September.

The Gibson Center is anxious to begin work with our communities and AARP to further the Age Friendly Community concept with solid, tangible projects.

If you need further information, please don't hesitate to let us know. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Charles Macomber  
Gibson Board Chair

George Cleveland  
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**Mt. Washington Valley Economic Council**

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June 28, 2018

Todd Fahey  
State Director  
AARP NH  
45 S Main St #202,  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Todd,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Mt. Washington Valley Economic Council, we are happy to provide this Letter of Support to AARP New Hampshire for the Application for Membership of our region as an Age-Friendly Community being submitted by the Gibson Center for Senior Services. As one of many organizations that make up the Mount Washington Valley, we are aware of the rapidly growing needs of our aging population in our entire region. Improvements in making our towns more livable should and will be coordinated across several town lines. We recognize we have much to offer and to gain from our neighboring towns.

Sincerely,  
Mt. Washington Valley Economic Council

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Developing a Regional Vision for Improving Economic Opportunity & Growth, Sustainable Development, and Quality of Life in Mount Washington Valley

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- Fryeburg, ME

July 1, 2018

Mr. Todd Fahey  
State Director  
AARP, NH  
45 S. Main St. #202  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Mr. Fahey,

On behalf of the Mount Washington Valley Regional Collaborative (Collaborative), I am pleased to provide this Letter of Support with the Gibson Center's application to enroll Mount Washington Valley in the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities.

The Collaborative is a partnership organization that includes the Mount Washington Valley (MWV) Economic Council, MWV Housing Coalition, and the Memorial Hospital/Maine Health. The goal of the Collaborative is to improve economic growth and opportunity, sustainable development, and quality of life by working with appropriate groups to address regional priorities. One of the region's rapidly growing priorities is its aging population. According to the 2016 American Community Survey (ACS) Estimates, 30 percent of MWV's population is age 60 and older, which is up from 24% in the 2011 ACS Estimates. The MWV region is aging faster than Maine and New Hampshire, the two states in which its towns are located.

As a member of AARP's Network of Age Friendly Communities, policy makers and business leaders will be better informed and better equipped to make improvements that serve our aging population. The Collaborative looks forward to working with the Steering Committee to provide data and assist in making the MWV region a place where all seniors can live well.

If you have questions regarding our participation, you may contact me.

Sincerely,

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**Todd Fahey**  
State Director  
AARP NH  
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Dear Todd,

On behalf of Visiting Nurse Home Care and Hospice of Carroll County (VNHCH) I am proud to provide this Letter of Support to AARP New Hampshire for the application for Membership of our town as an Age-Friendly Community that is being submitted by the Gibson Center for Senior Services. As one of many organizations that make up the Mount Washington Valley, we are aware of the rapidly growing needs of our aging population in our entire region. As an agency that provides services to an older population we understand the needs of this population that are difficult to meet. The ability to age in place is often met with challenges that the basic tenets of the AARP Age Friendly Community would address in many ways.

Improvements in making our towns more livable should and will be coordinated across several town lines. We also recognize we have much to offer and to gain from our other neighboring towns and organizations. We have full confidence that the team at the Gibson Center for Senior Services has an outstanding ability to recognize and address the needs of our aging community and have both the ability and commitment to develop and implement the Age Friendly Community model that would be effective in our community.

We are eager to partner and support this effort in any way needed and are therefore are pleased to provide our representative to the regional Steering Committee that will develop our regionally based Initial Age-Friendly Community Action Plan.

If you have any questions regarding our participation, please contact me, Sandy Ruka, RN MS Executive Director VNMHCH at [slruka@vnhch.org](mailto:slruka@vnhch.org) or via telephone at 603-356-7006 Ext. 14.

Thank you for this opportunity and we are very much looking forward to seeing and supporting this important initiative.

Sincerely,

  
Sandy Ruka, RN MS

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