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Bill Johnston-Walsh
PA State Director, AARP
30 North Street; Suite 920
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Dear Mr. Johnston-Walsh,

On behalf of the County of Northampton, I am excited to join with AARP and the World Health Organization for their Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Initiative.

Northampton is a vibrant and diverse county with 38.9% of our population over the age of 50 and, like the rest of America, we expect the percentage to rise. Mindful of the future, we are taking action to ensure our aging residents have the resources to be healthy, independent and integrated into community life with attention to transportation, infrastructure and cultural activities.

The Community Health Needs Assessment, conducted in 2016 by the St. Luke's University Health Network, identified the major challenges our elderly face today: transportation and accessing health, social and emotional support. Improving our public transportation and using our parks to encourage seniors to participate in community gardens and farmer's markets will provide many benefits.

I am excited about making the County of Northampton more livable for residents of all ages. My administration is based on the idea that we must all work together to build a more prosperous, equitable and sustainable future. We see great value with the AARP network and the goals of the World Health Organization to make outdoor spaces and buildings more senior friendly and helping our older residents stay healthy so they can live independently.

I look forward to working with the AARP, its members and volunteers to create a plan of action to respond to the needs of the people of Northampton County.

Sincerely,

Lamont G. McClure

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