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Dear Ms. Kelly,

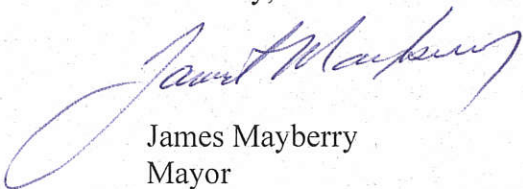
On behalf of the City of Crossville, I would like to express our interest in becoming a member of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Cities. The City has a long history of outstanding amenities and provision of services. This is one reason that the PGA holds the Senior Men's Open in our community and why we are host to Senior Olympics, Special Olympic events, and an annual Trail Marathon. Additionally, we are undertaking a \$1.1 million renovation of Garrison Park in downtown which will include a splash pad and playground. We have summer events like Thursdays at the Amp, Friday Night Air Music Series, Friday at the Crossroads, Waterfest, and Fourth of July with activities for all ages.

While many communities have only thought about establishing a collaborative planning process, Crossville has set the bar with its Horizon Initiative that has already held 17 community listening events and compiled a significant needs assessment with a focus in six key areas: Social, Identity, Infrastructure, Economic, Leadership, and Organizational Excellence. A full explanation of the depth and breadth of this project may be found on the Horizon Initiative's website: <http://thehorizoninitiative.org>. The implementation of the outcomes are carried forward by local governing bodies, the Horizon Initiative Steering Committee, and other offshoots such as an antidrug coalition.

Given Crossville's long history of a retiree destination it has a very unique demographic with over 25% of its residents over the age of 60 and an average countywide age of 53. We are indeed an age friendly community and we would like more people to know it, especially AARP members because we believe it can be a mutually beneficial relationship.

However, we know these items are better approached with a nationwide team approach and we would be honored to have a place on that team.

Sincerely,



James Mayberry
Mayor