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Mr. Sam Shumway
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Dear Mr. Shumway:

On behalf of the City of Laramie, I am pleased to provide this letter of support and commitment to becoming an age-friendly community. As an early step in aiming toward this goal, the City Council of Laramie has resolved to support initiatives and opportunities to engage in the AARP Age-Friendly Communities Network, as well as to encourage and promote public policies that support positive aging in our city.

As you are likely aware, Laramie is the third largest city in the state, and a significant percentage (21%) of our residents are age 50 and older. Older residents also make up the fastest growing segment of our population. As our city's baby-boomers continue to age and retire, it will be important for the city to adapt in order to facilitate aging-in-place for our older residents, and encourage livability for people of *all* ages.

In preparing our application to join the national network of communities, residents have already begun the process of convening interested stakeholders, and visioning an age-friendly future for the city. In addition, Laramie's municipal government will continue to encourage participation from all interested organizations and community members to ensure a diverse and inclusive collaboration representative of the city's residents.

We look forward to working with AARP Wyoming and Laramie residents who are involved in the Age-Friendly Laramie initiative to develop a community that has appropriate resources available to promote healthy, active, and fulfilling aging in our city.

Sincerely,

Andrea Summerville
Mayor

