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Mr. Herb Sanderson
AARP State Director
1701 Centerview Drive, #205
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Dear Mr. Sanderson:

The City of Little Rock is excited about the opportunity to join with AARP Arkansas and the World Health Organization to become part of the Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities. Like other forward-looking cities, Little Rock is committed to promoting policies to make our community friendly to aging populations.

To address changing demographics, Little Rock has just completed the report from its Taskforce on Aging. The Taskforce was included members from every ward in our diverse city. Three City Directors also regularly participated as well as representatives from the University of Arkansas Medical Sciences, AARP and CareLink.

The Taskforce presented their recommendations to myself and the City Board of Directors on January 15, 2019. A primary recommendation of the Taskforce is to establish a Commission for an Age-Friendly Little Rock. In the coming days, the City Board will formally create this body as well as affirm the City's commitment to being an Age-Friendly City.

With the Commission for an Age-Friendly Little Rock in place by early spring, Little Rock will move forward to establishing a plan of action in line with the AARP best practices for assessing needs of Little Rock's Older Adults. The Commission for an Age-Friendly Little Rock will commit to measuring activities, reviewing action plan outcomes and reporting publicly.

The City Board of Directors and I look forward to working with the new Commission, AARP staff and volunteers to ensure Little Rock has the infrastructure and services in place so all can age with dignity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Frank D. Scott Jr.", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Frank D. Scott Jr.
Mayor

Cc: Little Rock City Board of Directors
Bruce T. Moore, City Manager