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Mayor

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State Director Michael Festa
AARP Massachusetts
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Dear Mr. Festa,

On behalf of the City of Chicopee and the Chicopee Council on Aging, I am pleased to submit this letter of support and application requesting membership in the AARP WHO Global Network of Age Friendly Communities.

Chicopee has a long standing commitment to being a great community to live, work, raise a family, and age in place. Chicopee is a diverse community that resembles the rest of America with a wide variety of ethnicities, religions, heritages and cultures living and working together throughout the City's neighborhoods. We have residents of all abilities, backgrounds, and talents, and as a community we celebrate them all through different policies and programs throughout the year.

Like other communities across Massachusetts, Chicopee is working hard to advance policies and programs that support our older residents. Our RiverMills Senior Center continues to adopt further programs that provide our seniors the different services they may require. A private developer is currently constructing a 98-unit Assisted Living Facility which includes an Alzheimer's/Dementia care unit. Both of these unique facilities are in need within the Western Massachusetts region.

The City of Chicopee is excited to become a member of this global community, and we thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Very Truly Yours,



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