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Mr. Festa,

We are pleased to provide this letter supporting the AARP Age-friendly community request on behalf of the Town of Somerset and the Somerset Council on Aging. Throughout the years Town leaders and staff have worked diligently to promote independent aging and to ensure our community offers every support possible to the aging population. As our population of seniors continues to increase we find it imperative to be proactive in our efforts to be supportive and accessible to the entire population.

It is our hope that joining the AARP network of Age-friendly communities will not only complement existing programs but allow us to assess and implement new initiatives so we may evolve as a community. Current initiatives include free transportation to doctor appointments, shopping, all elections, annual and special Town meetings, and a plethora of safety geared programs. As we continue to move forward with our master plan we ensure that its implementation reflects the needs of the substantial senior population. We are dedicated to promoting an inclusive and accessible environment for all. By including these Age-friendly concepts and principles in all future endeavors, together we can ensure our community is not only family friendly but Age-friendly.

We thank you for your consideration and look forward to joining this global effort.

Sincerely,

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