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Dear Ms. Parham,

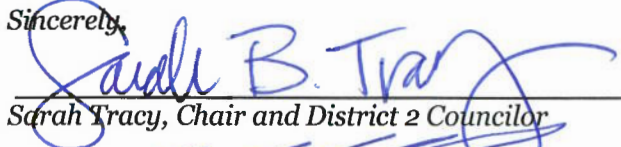
On behalf of the Town of Freeport, the Freeport Town Council is pleased to submit this letter of support for Freeport's application to join in the AARP/World Health Organization Network of Age-Friendly Communities. Freeport recognizes the importance of encouraging and promoting age-friendly planning and policies to address changing demographics and to enhance independent living. Freeport is committed to a process of continual improvement to support active and healthy aging in our community.

Freeport has already been busy. Freeport Community Services has formed an Age-Friendly Steering Committee made up of a mix of energetic citizens of all ages from both Freeport and Pownal. Two years ago, Freeport Community Services conducted a base assessment of the Freeport's age-friendliness and determined what needs were being met and what needs have yet to be addressed in Freeport. The Age-Friendly Steering Committee plans on conducting another assessment to see if those needs have changed over the last two years. A community action plan will then be developed based on the Committee's findings.

As part of our involvement and commitment, the Freeport Town Council will actively participate in the Age-Friendly Steering Committee. Additionally, the Council will explore ways that we, as the governing body of the Town of Freeport, can facilitate age-friendly policies and ordinances and, if appropriate, age-friendly initiatives.

We look forward to working with you and AARP in the years to come to make our community a better place in which to live and age and appreciate your assistance to-date.


Sincerely,



Sarah Tracy, Chair and District 2 Councilor



Scott Gleeson, Vice-Chair and District 1 Councilor



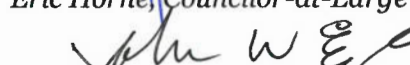
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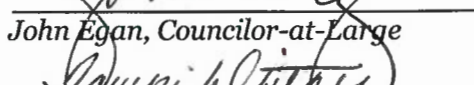
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