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Randy Hoak
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Mr. Hoak;

On behalf of the County of Rockland, I am pleased to offer this letter of our ongoing commitment to creating an age-friendly environment and request membership to join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities and the World Health Organization’s Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities. My administration’s goal is to build a more prosperous, equitable and sustainable future for all.

We have partnered with our Office for the Aging Advisory Board, the Age-Friendly Task Force and the local AARP Rockland Chapter to exchange ideas to develop a robust and concrete plan of action that responds to the needs identified by older adults in the community. As part of New York State Office for the Aging four-year plan, the Rockland County Office for the Aging will be gathering information from a Needs Assessment Survey to identify areas of concern. This will allow us to gather input directly from the community.

As a member of the national network of communities, it is the intent of the County of Rockland to:

- Include the active engagement of older adults in the Task Force;
- Secure a Legislative Resolution for Rockland to work toward becoming more Age-Friendly;
- Establish a Plan of Action to respond to the Needs Assessment;
- Commit to measuring activities, reviewing action plan outcomes and reporting on them publicly.

I look forward to working with AARP New York, its members and volunteers to create a plan of action that responds to the needs of the community to make Rockland designated as an Age Friendly community.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Edwin J. Day
COUNTY EXECUTIVE