



January 17, 2020

Holly A. Holtzen
AARP Ohio State Director
17 S. High Street, Suite 800
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Ms. Holtzen,

On behalf of the County of Summit, Ohio, I am pleased to submit this letter outlining our commitment to making the county an AARP Age-Friendly Community. We look forward to engaging with the AARP Age-Friendly Community network as we embark on this journey. The County of Summit is committed to becoming a livable community that promotes health, wellness and safety, enhances personal independence, empowers residents to choose where they age and encourages residents' civic, economic, and social engagement.

As the County of Summit works towards developing a Comprehensive Plan to guide our work, we are mindful of the Eight Domains of Livability identified by AARP. Our intention is to thoughtfully consider how we can improve in each area and how we can collaboratively engage the organizations already doing work in each domain to maximize our efforts. Our community has a proud history of coming together to serve our residents and I expect we will receive enthusiastic support from our 31 communities, as well as the other agencies and non-profits working in this space.

The County of Summit intends to take the following actions in our pursuit of becoming an AARP Age-Friendly Community:

- Form a Summit County Age-Friendly Advisory Council.
- Engage as many older adults as possible in the development of the Comprehensive Plan through targeted outreach.
- Collect baseline data to assess the current age-friendliness of the county.
- Use baseline data to create a community-wide action plan that will guide Age-Friendly work.
- Identify measurable goals and objectives to be used to assess progress.

We appreciate AARP's support as we embark on this important endeavor and look forward to working with your team to become an AARP Age-Friendly Community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Ilene Shapiro'.

Ilene Shapiro, Executive
County of Summit