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Dear Mr. de Chabert-Schuster,

The Virgin Islands of the United States of America is pleased to submit this application to join the network of AARP Age-Friendly States and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities.

Recently, the people of the Virgin Islands entrusted my administration and me with the responsibility of ensuring the public good and improving the quality of life for all Virgin Islanders. This responsibility is multi-faceted and affects persons from all walks of life and all ages. As my administration seeks to execute this mandate, we will explore and add initiatives to the system that will increase services that will engage older residents and prepare people of all generations to live productive lives.

We have found that the AARP/WHO framework lends to holistic initiatives and programs that engage in efforts to deliver educational, social, economic, and environmental awareness and benefits to the Territory and support and promote meaningful community engagement through volunteerism and community service. Our territory has a majority aging population, and persistent problems of obesity, hypertension, heart disease, diabetes, and other morbidities. These are issues that are crippling our people and our government's ability to administer and pay for healthcare services. We are pursuing a health strategy that not only captures the needs of our people but allows for the expansion of our capabilities as the economy grows. We fully embrace the opportunity to forge a meaningful partnership to advance the goals and plans of targeted and specific populations within the community.

Our collaboration with AARP is important to our Territory's advancement and sustainability. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Albert Bryan Jr.".

Albert Bryan Jr.
Governor