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State Director Michael Festa  
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Dear Mr. Festa,

On behalf of the Town of Wareham and the Wareham Council on Aging, I am happy to submit this letter and application requesting membership in the AARP WHO Global Network of Age Friendly Communities.

Like many communities in Massachusetts, our population over the age of 60 is the fastest growing age group. Wareham strives to be a community where one can live, work, play and grown old. Although there are areas in which we do fairly well with our aging community, including transportation, there is a great deal of work to be done including more affordable housing, easier access to social services and healthcare and improving our infrastructure. We are hopeful that joining the AARP WHO Global Network of Age Friendly Communities will help us work towards improvements in our community with the goal of making it a better place for all citizens.

We plan on implementing this by developing a Needs Assessment Survey. We will engage older adults in this process through outreach, including our senior housing complexes, churches, the Town Library, YMCA, Historical Society, local restaurants and any other places we feel they can be reached.

We will then develop a Plan of Action that responds to the needs identified by the citizens of Wareham.

We look forward to working with AARP to make our Town an even better place to grow old!

Very truly yours,

Peter W. Teitelbaum, Esq.  
Chairman, Board of Selectmen