January 2, 2020

Lori Parham
AARP Maine State Director
53 Baster Blvd
Portland, ME 04101

Dear Ms. Parham,

The Town of Machias is just beginning to update both the Town’s Comprehensive Plan and the Machias Downtown Plan. Part of this process will be conducting a base assessment of the community’s age-friendlyliness and developing a community action plan based on the findings of the assessment. The Town will be holding public meetings to take citizen input on the development of our future community. We will involve older residents deeply in the planning process and we commit to monitoring progress toward implementing the action plan.

Therefore, on behalf of the Town of Machias, I am pleased to submit this letter of interest and commitment in the AARP/World Health Organization Network of Age-Friendly Communities. The Town of Machias recognizes the importance of encouraging and promoting age-friendly planning and policies to address changing demographics, to enhance independent living, and is committed to a process of continual improvement to support active and healthy aging.

The Town appreciates your consideration of our application to join your network.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Mr. Joshua Rolfe-Chairman
Machias Board of Selectmen