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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the City of Picayune, Mississippi, we are asking to join the AARP Age-friendly Communities network. We are always working on creating age-friendly spaces for all to enjoy. We are a small city in South Mississippi, that shares a border with Louisiana. City of Picayune is committed to becoming a livable community to promote health, sustainable growth, and contribute to the well-being of citizens of all ages.

City of Picayune is a Certified Retirement City and encourages retirees to relocate here. We have diversity in our little City around every corner. We really don't have one thing that sets us apart from every other city, we have many things. We want to promote a better quality of life for our older residents as well as our younger residents. We would like to utilize some of the ideas of AARP into our City. The great ideas on redeveloping outdoor spaces to suit the needs of today, promote cultural activities, encourage generations to socialize and learn from one another, support the community, and volunteer to make our City the best it can be.

We will continue to partner with other state and local agencies such as the Pearl River County Senior Center, The Mississippi State Extension Services, the Crosby Arboretum, Picayune Main Street, Greater Picayune Area Chamber of Commerce to offer great cultural and creative programs. We will continue to work with our local hospital to provide the services that our citizens need in health care.

We are looking forward to joining the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ed Pinero, Mayor