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Stephanie Hunsinger  
State Director, AARP NJ  
303 George St  
New Brunswick NJ 08901

Dear Ms. Hunsinger

On behalf of the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders, I am delighted to offer this letter of commitment to our ongoing effort of creating an all-encompassing livable county and respectfully ask for membership to World Health Organization's Global Network of Age Friendly Cities and Communities. Somerset County strives to develop age-friendly planning and policies that will promote independence, dignity and choice and support active healthy lifestyles, social engagement and economic sustainability.

We are committed to the development of an Age Friendly County so that our citizens, who have contributed to the successes of the communities in which they live, are able to continue to manage and stay in their homes as long as they can and wish to do so safely. We know that people have a strong desire to remain at home in the community in which they have "planted roots". We take pride in our county, and its twenty-one (21) municipalities and will continue to meet the needs of the changing demographic to the best of our ability.

Our goals align with World Health Organization's domains which include strengthening our public-private partnerships to foster supportive services and systems that will allow all ages and abilities to live full productive lives by promoting accessibility and affordability of transportation and housing; promoting healthy aging through education and prevention initiatives; promoting and maintaining outdoor spaces for health and enrichment; social engagement; and civil participation and employment.

We look forward to our continued work with our current partners as well as developing new relationships with partners such as AARP, key stakeholders and volunteers to strengthen our Advisory Councils and create an inclusive plan of action that reflects the county's vastly growing and diverse populations.

Sincerely,

Shanel Y. Robinson  
Somerset County Freeholder Director

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