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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the City of Bellbrook, Ohio, I am pleased to offer this letter to outline our commitment to creating an age-friendly environment. We are excited to join AARP's Age-Friendly Communities Network. Bellbrook is committed to becoming a livable community to promote health and sustainable growth and contribute to the well-being of citizens in all stages of life.

As the City of Bellbrook considers its recently updated Comprehensive Plan, we want to promote successful aging and improve the quality of life for all residents. The AARP's livability index and the categories contained within that index including affordable and accessible housing; access to life, work and play; safe and convenient transportation; clean air and water; prevention, access and quality of health; civic and social engagement; and inclusion are all in line with our Comprehensive Plan goals.

As a participant in the AARP and the World Health Organization [WHO] Age-Friendly Community it is the intent of the City of Bellbrook to:

- Pursue the active engagement of older adults in the planning process through outreach and inclusion by bringing events to where older people live and recreate.
- Pursue outreach through churches, civic organizations, AARP, providers of aging services and participate in events designed for older people.
- Establish a plan of action that responds to the needs identified by older people.
- Develop a means to measure our activities, reviewing action plan outcomes and plans to determine we are meeting our goals.
- Keep the public, especially older people, informed throughout the process.

We look forward to working with AARP Ohio staff, members and volunteers to make our city a place where we can all age with dignity.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Schweller  
Mayor of the City of Bellbrook