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AARP Livable Communities,

On behalf of the City of Gallatin, I am honored to submit this letter of support for our City to be considered for admission in to the AARP's Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities. Our city recognizes the importance of planning for our future through policies addressing our aging population, supporting their active and independent lifestyles, and continual improvement to ensure the aging community has access to necessary services.

In 2020, the Gallatin City Council adopted a Strategic Plan that incorporated thousands of responses from residents through extensive surveys, meetings and workshop events. Six issues emerged that that mattered most to them: planned growth, efficient transportation, economic opportunity, natural beauty, community focus and defining spaces.

As we now finalize development of a 20-year comprehensive plan, we believe the timing is perfect to develop ideas to insure a healthy and sustainable community for seniors. Our partnership agreement with AARP will ensure our older residents have an advocate inside government, and throughout the community, that champions Gallatin as a community for all ages.

We were dubbed the first "Nicest Place in America" by Readers Digest because of our community spirit in a time of crisis. That spirit of inclusiveness will be a guiding light as we assess the needs of our seniors and put together the best team to make Gallatin an AARP Livable Community.

I look forward to working with the AARP State Office, its members and volunteers, and other stakeholders as we move forward with this project. I have no doubt that the City of Gallatin can be a shining example of age-friendliness.

If my office can be of any assistance to you, please feel free to contact me directly.

Regards,

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