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Dear Ms. Anthony,

On behalf of the Township of Montclair, I am honored to submit this letter of support in our pursuit of entering the World Health Organization (WHO) and AARP's Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Initiative.

Our Township recognizes the importance of developing age-friendly communities so that older adults can age in place and younger adults can plan for a long future in our community. The Township uses its Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, a formal township committee of older adults, to advise our Township Council on policy and to provide educational support for issues concerning senior citizens. We are also home to Lifelong Montclair, an aging in place initiative funded by the Partners for Health foundation in collaboration with our Department of Health & Human Services. Partner organizations of Lifelong Montclair have been working together with community seniors to advance a shared vision of making Montclair a great place to grow older. We are excited by the forthcoming opportunities, including lifelong learning, counseling for life transitions and education about public transportation options.

Through surveys and research, we have developed a baseline of our age-friendliness from which we will grow. We are in the process of developing an action plan based on these findings and indicators to monitor progress.

There are more opportunities on the horizon, and we hope to grow further through the AARP Network. We look forward to the chance to strengthen our Township for both today's and tomorrow's seniors.

Sincerely,

Robert Jackson
Mayor