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José Acarón  
Executive Director  
AARP Puerto Rico  
San Juan, P.R.

Dear Mr. Acarón:

As Mayor of the Municipality of Coamo, Puerto Rico, I am very enthusiastic about the opportunity to join AARP Puerto Rico and the World Health Organization (WHO) age-friendly city initiative. Our municipality is committed to improving the lives of our aging community by facilitating access to services, designing secure spaces, establishing community collaborations and promoting strong partnerships. Our goal is to provide our aging population the necessary resources to be healthy, active, independent, socially adapted, and immersed in the community life. We are also committed to becoming a model of a friendly community for aging populations, in the hopes that: (1) we can attract more residents and that, (2) other cities can copy and implement our initiative.

This alliance with AARP and the WHO is a starting point and connecting link to develop and implement the policies, services and structures related to the social and physical environment to make the municipality of Coamo an "age-friendly" city. We are proud to accept, with the support and assistance of the AARP Puerto Rico, the challenge of planning the following activities as an initial stage towards the eight World Health Organization established domains:

- Forming an age friendly committee
- Developing a municipal government proclamation
- Evaluating community resources by means of a community assessment
- Creating an action plan to address identified needs

We look forward to working with AARP Puerto Rico and other stakeholders and volunteers to ensure our community has the appropriate infrastructure to successfully implement an age-friendly city initiative.

Sincerely,

Juan Carlos García Padilla  
Mayor