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Ms Laura J Palmer, MSP  
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Dear Ms. Palmer,

On behalf of the County of Oneida I am pleased to offer this letter of our ongoing commitment to creating an age-friendly environment and respectfully request membership to the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities World Health Organization's Global Network of Age Friendly Cities and Communities. Oneida County recognizes the importance of encouraging and promoting age friendly planning and policies to address changing demographics and to enhance independent living. Further, Oneida County is committed to a process of continual improvement to support active and healthy aging and sustain economic and social vitality.

The County of Oneida has an ever-growing aging population coupled with a very diverse population which offers many opportunities to begin this initiative. Oneida County Government through its Office for the Aging/Continuing Care plans to lead the initiative with several community based partners including the Parkway Senior Center. By committing to an age friendly initiative and as part of the national network of age friendly communities it is the intent of Oneida County Government to facilitate the following activities:

- Establish an age friendly task force through the Office for the Aging/Continuing Care Advisory Council and the Parkway Senior Center Board of Directors and Staff;
- Incorporate additional health and human service department's staff into this process;
- Include active engagement of older community residents on the age friendly task force;
- Establish an action plan reflective of the needs of older community residents;
- Commit to measuring activities, reviewing action plan outcomes and reporting on the results

Thank you for consideration of membership for Oneida County to the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and the World Health Organization's Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities.

Sincerely,

Anthony J. Picente, Jr.,  
Oneida County Executive