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Ms. Nicole Ware
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Dear Ms. Ware:

Please accept this letter as support for the City of Cincinnati's application to the World Health Organization and AARP's Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Initiative.

Cincinnati is a vibrant and diverse community with a growing population of citizens ages 50 and older. We are committed to embracing our changing demographics and promoting age-friendly policies. The Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Initiative would be beneficial for our 52 diverse neighborhoods and closely aligns with our commitment to make our city a welcoming place for people of all ages.

Cincinnati's City Council recently adopted the Golden Cincinnati Initiative, which consists of nine points designed to improve the lives of older adults living in our community. The Golden Cincinnati Initiative also created a new position in the city administration, the Chief Advocacy Officer for Aging and Accessibility. The Chief Advocacy Officer supports older individuals and persons with disabilities, their families, and caregivers in achieving safe, healthy, and dignified lives through collaboration, innovation, and community partnerships. The Chief Advocacy Officer serves on the City Manager's leadership and advisory team and will be designated as Cincinnati's liaison for the Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Initiative.

We look forward to working with AARP staff, volunteers, and community stakeholders to establish an advisory committee, conduct an age-friendly community assessment, and create an action plan based upon those findings. The Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Initiative will allow us to better identify and serve the needs of our citizens, neighborhoods, and community.

Sincerely,

John Cranley
Mayor, City of Cincinnati