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Lori Parham AARP Maine State Director 53 Baster Blvd Portland ME 04101

Dear Ms. Parham,

Sincerely,

The Town of Eliot in York County has recently created an Aging in Place Committee. We are pleased to submit this letter of interest and commitment in the AARP/World Health Organization Network of Age-Friendly Communities.

In a recent community survey, there was overwhelming support for more and greater resources, activities and support for the elderly in the community. We are an older community with many retirees. Eliot has long recognized, and continues to be concerned with, the importance of encouraging and promoting age-friendly planning and policies. We want to ensure that older residents can stay in their homes, have recreational and social activities, and receive needed support and advocacy when requested.

It is the Town's intent to conduct one or more additional community surveys to focus in on elder issues and the needs of our older residents. This will allow us to have a baseline assessment of how well the Town is currently providing aging-friendly policies and services. From there, the Committee and the Select Board intend to develop an aging-friendly community action plan based on the findings of the assessment. We will involve older residents deeply in the planning process and we commit to monitoring progress toward implementing the action plan through ongoing surveys and feedback meetings.

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