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March 15, 2018

Mr. Bill Armbruster, Senior Advisor  
AARP  
601 E Street NW  
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Dear Mr. Armbruster:

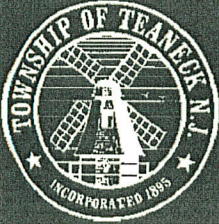
On behalf of the Township Council of the Township of Teaneck, it is with great pleasure that I submit this endorsement of Age-Friendly Teaneck's application to join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and the World Health Organization's Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities.

As the second largest community in Bergen County, long recognized for its commitment to inclusion and diversity, the Township Council and Administration look forward to becoming part of a network of communities that recognize the importance of providing resources and services to ensure their residents can age in place with independence and dignity and remain vital and engaged members of the community.

The Township has formally espoused efforts to make Teaneck "a great place to grow up and grow old" since adopting a resolution in October 2015, supporting the development of Teaneck as an age-friendly community and lending its support to Geriatric Services, Inc.'s application to the Henry and Marilyn Taub Foundation for an Age-Friendly Community Initiative Planning Grant.

Township Manager William Broughton served as a member of the coalition organized by Geriatric Services during the initiative's planning phase, which created a community assessment survey of the needs of Teaneck's older adults, the results of which were presented to the Township Council at a public meeting in October 2016.

The priority concerns identified in the survey formed the basis for the action plans currently being implemented by Age-Friendly Teaneck through task forces comprised of residents: Housing Options, Transportation and Pedestrian Safety, Health and Social Engagement, Communication and Community Resources and Business and Banking. Several Township Council Members and the Deputy Mayor serve as active task force members. Township Manager Broughton also participated in developing a community asset inventory with Age-Friendly Teaneck's Steering Committee.



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Reinforcing our commitment to the importance of creating comprehensive, integrated street networks that safely accommodate all road users of all abilities and disabilities, the Township Council adopted a resolution in October 2017, supporting the Complete Streets Initiative, a resolution championed by Age-Friendly Teaneck, the Township Environmental Commission, and other advocates of improved pedestrian and bicycle safety. The Township collaborated with Age-Friendly Teaneck and Holy Name Medical Center in co-sponsoring a Senior Health and Resource Fair, as well as public events educating the public about end-of-life issues. We are also supporting a New Jersey Future land-use assessment of the community from an age-friendly perspective, being coordinated by Age-Friendly Teaneck.

The Township would welcome the opportunity to work with the experts and resources of AARP and WHO to enhance our efforts to improve the lives of Teaneck residents of all ages.

Sincerely,



Mohammed Hameeduddin  
Mayor