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October 23, 2017 Mr. Michael E. Festa AARP Massachusetts State Director 1 Beacon Street #2301 Boston MA 02108

Dear Mr. Festa:

On behalf of the Town of Wakefield, I am happy to offer this letter of interest in pursuing admission into the World Health Organization and AARP's Age Friendly Cities and Communities. We are committed to make Wakefield a welcoming community for all. As the demographics of the town change we recognize the importance of age friendly planning and the continuous cycle of review and improvement. We do many things to make our community livable for all ages and using the World Health Organization / AARP model can only improve our outcomes. The Wakefield Council on Aging is committed to taking the lead on this project and work with a broad based group of community members including municipal departments, local non-profits and local business. It is our intent to work to engage older adults to participate, establish an action plan based on information collected and monitor plans on a regular basis. Using the Age-Friendly framework we look ahead to working on the eight domains that enhance a community and contribute to a better quality of life.

Thank you for considering our membership to the World Health Organization / AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities. We look forward to working with AARP Massachusetts in obtaining the Age-Friendly designation.

Sincerely,

Stephen P. Maio

Town Administrator