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May 5th, 2017

Michael Festa,
State Director
AARP Massachusetts
One Beacon St, Suite 2301
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Mr. Festa,

The Town of Stoughton is very interested in pursuing admission into AARP and the World Health Organization's Age Friendly Cities and Communities Network. Our community is committed to creating an age friendly environment that support healthy, active aging for all ages, as well as developing future policies that take into account the needs of changing demographics within the Town of Stoughton.

Currently Stoughton has a number of initiatives that pair well with the Age Friendly movement:

- ❖ **Complete Streets** adopted in 2014 – The grant program helps towns make the roads more accessible for people of all travel modes and ages. Stoughton was the first community to receive a \$400,000 grant from the program
- ❖ **Access to green space** – The town works with the Community Preservation Committee to continue acquiring and upgrading open space. The town purchased the 97 acres Glen Echo site in 2011 and is in the process of acquiring another 90 acres of conservation land near the gold coarse
- ❖ **Street Lighting** – Stoughton is in the process of upgrading and improving street lighting with LED lights
- ❖ **Transportation** – In addition to the MBTA and Brockton Area Transit Public Transportation, The Council on Aging has a fleet of vehicles offering daily transportation to appointments, shopping and to the Council on Aging facility
- ❖ **Work off programs and volunteers** – Stoughton has tax work-off programs for seniors as well as a large number of local volunteer opportunities which keep seniors engaged in the community

These are a sample of what Stoughton already does to create an Age Friendly Community.

Additionally the Town's committees and departments are dedicated to continuing their collaboration to help Stoughton in all areas of the World Health Organization's 8 Domains of Livability.

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The Town of Stoughton is committed to improving the health, well-being and quality of life of all of its residents. We feel that a collaboration with the AARP program will best enable us to achieve these goals. We look forward to membership in the AARP Age Friendly Cities program. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David J. Sousa". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "S".

David J. Sousa, Chairman