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Dear Mr. Johnson:

On behalf of the City of Miami, I am pleased to offer this letter of commitment to creating an age-friendly community and to request membership into the World Health Organization (WHO) and AARP's Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Initiative.

The City of Miami is home to over 83,000 older adults age 60 and over, representing 16% of our City's population, which is higher than the national average. Because seniors play an essential role in the community, provide insight on our cultural and political heritage, and offer a unique perspective to succeeding generations, and because seniors share a range of interested and are affected by a range of issues specific to them, in 2015, our City of Miami Commission passed an ordinance to establish an Advisory Committee to assist the City Commission in responding to the needs of Miami's senior citizens. Their charge is to advise and make recommendations to the City Commission concerning subjects of particular interest to senior citizens and other who share the same interests as senior citizens.

In addition to the development of the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, our City has a track record of working to address the livability needs for our older adults. We have over 4,000 public housing units dedicated to senior housing in the City of Miami. In addition, our City of Miami Parks are for all ages, and promote lifelong recreation activity. We have four locations for parks programming for older adults who are looking to socialize, get fit, play games, or even take computer classes. Our Miami Trolley provides free transportation to all our residents and visitors and connects them to our neighborhoods and to their daily needs. We hope to build upon our work and to build a community that is livable for all ages and abilities.

As a participant in the national network of communities, it is the intent of the City of Miami to:

- Include the active engagement of older adults in our planning processes and committees;
- Conduct a baseline assessment of age-friendliness of the community;
- Develop a community-wide action plan based on the findings of the assessment; and
- Identify indicators so progress in the plan can be monitored.

We look forward to working with the AARP Florida Office, its members and volunteers, and our stakeholders to create a plan of action that responds to the needs in our community as we work to build a City for all ages.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tomás Regalado". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'T'.

Tomás Regalado
Mayor of Miami