

## **CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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Nicole Ware Associate State Director - Outreach AARP Ohio 17 S. High Street, Suite 800 Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Ms. Ware,

On behalf of Clinton County, we are pleased to offer this letter of our ongoing commitment to become a livable community for people of all ages. In conjunction with our commitment to promoting age-friendly policies, we respectfully request membership in the Age-Friendly Network created by the World Health Organization and AARP.

Clinton County recognizes the importance of encouraging and promoting age-friendly policies to address changing demographics. Our goal is to ensure that the aging population have the resources to be healthy, independent, and integrated in our community.

The Clinton County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) spearheaded an Age-Friendly Clinton County initiative in the summer of 2018. The CCRPC has convened an advisory board consisting of delegates from Community Action, the Council on Aging, the Clinton County Health Department, Clinton Memorial Hospital, the Veterans Service Commission, Ohio Living Cape May, the City of Wilmington, and the villages of Blanchester, Sabina, New Vienna, Port William, Clarksville, Martinsville and Midland.

As a participant in the Age-Friendly Network of communities, it is the intent of Clinton County to:

- Include the active engagement of older adults in both the research and implementation phases of the initiative
- Produce a report that establishes a baseline assessment of the age-friendliness of Clinton County
- Produce an action plan that responds to the needs identified by older adults in the community
- Commit to measuring activities, reviewing action plan outcomes and reporting on them publicly.

Thank you for your consideration of our membership for Clinton County to the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities.

Sincerely,

Clinton County Commissioners

Patrick Haley, President

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