

December 4, 2018

Bill Johnston-Walsh PA State Director, AARP 30 North Street, Suite 920 Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Mr. Johnston-Walsh,

On behalf of the City of Lancaster, I am excited to join with the AARP and the World Health Organization for their Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Initiative. The City of Lancaster is a vibrant and welcoming community for residents of all backgrounds and generations. With the knowledge that our population of older residents will continue to increase, the Age-Friendly Designation is an opportunity for Lancaster to build an even stronger inter-generational community and ensure that we are meeting the needs and desires of all of our citizens.

The City of Lancaster is home to over 59,000 residents, nearly 10% of who are over the age of 65. We are looking forward to collaborating with community partners on the local level and participating in information exchange with municipalities around the world to ensure that these individuals have the resources to remain integrated in our community.

We are excited about the opportunity to join the AARP's network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities and working towards making our city more liveable and accessible to all. It is with enthusiasm that I endorse this effort and acknowledge the strong support of our City departments, non-profit agencies, businesses, community groups and individual citizens as we submit our application to join the World Health Organization's Network of Age-Friendly Communities.

Sincerely,

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