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Mr. Erik Gaikowski, State Director
AARP South Dakota
5101 South Nevada Avenue, Suite 150
Sioux Falls, SD 57108

Dear Mr. Gaikowski:

As Mayor of the City of Sioux Falls, I am honored to submit this letter of support and commitment to both AARP and the World Health Organization requesting membership in the Age-Friendly Network. In Sioux Falls, we have a long-standing engagement with, and dedication to, our aging population. We know the health and quality of life of our residents and visitors will be enhanced by recognition as an Age-Friendly Community.

Already the largest city in South Dakota, Sioux Falls continues to see continued growth of approximately 3,000 new residents each year. About one-quarter of our current population is over the age of 55.

The eight domains of livability align well with our City's efforts to address issues such as accessible housing, transportation, workforce, public health, and safety and engaging residents of all ages in projects that enhance the vitality and diversity of our community. As an Age-Friendly Community, we will continue to explore opportunities to enhance the age-friendliness of Sioux Falls, implement strategies that meet the varied needs of our older residents, and commit to measuring outcomes and reporting our progress to you and to the community.

I can assure you that City leadership and staff from across all of our departments fully support the work that is required to become a member of the Age-Friendly Network, and we are excited to work with both state and national AARP staff to make Sioux Falls an even better place to live, work, learn, and play.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul TenHaken".

Paul TenHaken
Mayor, City of Sioux Falls