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Ms. Rebecca Kelly, Director AARP Tennessee 150 4th Avenue North, Suite 180 Nashville, TN 37219

Dear Ms. Kelly:

On behalf of Montgomery County Government, I am writing to share our interest in joining admission into the AARP Age-Friendly Network. Along with more than 300 other communities in the nation, Montgomery County is committed to promoting policies, projects and practices that encourage our citizens to age with purpose, health and dignity.

Although Montgomery County is the youngest county in the State of Tennessee, we value becoming an age-friendly community. We understand an age-friendly community establishes a higher quality of life for people of every age and that it is especially important that our aging community has the resources necessary to be safe, independent and integrated into the populace.

As participants in the national network of communities, it is the intent of Montgomery County to join with the City of Clarksville and Fort Campbell to improve infrastructure for the growing number of military veterans as well as all aging citizens in the Clarksville and Montgomery County area. To accomplish this Montgomery County will:

- Help to create an age-friendly task force that includes active engagement of older adults.
- Secure a commission resolution to work toward becoming age friendly.
- Establish a Plan of Action that responds to the challenges identified by older adults.
- Commit to measuring activities, reviewing action plan outcomes and reporting them publicly.

We look forward to working with AARP Tennessee staff and volunteers to create a plan that responds to the needs of our community.

Sincerely,

Jim Durrett

Montgomery County Mayor