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Mr. Mike Festa  
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Dear Mr. Festa,

On behalf of the Town of Chelmsford, we are excited about the opportunity to join with AARP Massachusetts and the World Health Organization to become an Age-Friendly Community. Chelmsford is committed to promoting policies, a welcoming environment and a livable community that will foster healthy aging and greater age integration for our residents. We are honored to join this endeavor in alignment with Governor Baker's "ReiMagine Aging" plan to celebrate aging and create an age-friendly future in the state of Massachusetts.

In 2018, 27.9% of our population was over age 60 and this figure is estimated to rise to 30% by 2020. As a town, we understand, that as we age, we look to do so with dignity and in meaningful ways. We look to live in a community that accommodates our changing health needs, has opportunities to contribute and participate with fellow residents and offers a high sense of security. Over the last 12 months Chelmsford residents, town leaders and businesses have participated in the process of identifying and pursuing the necessary steps to promote successful aging, and to improve the quality of lives for all ages.

The town has already started the process. We have reviewed the AARP's 8 domains, identified domain team leads and members, and prepared an action plan framework.

We look forward to working with the MA AARP to ensure our community has the ability to move forward with this plan, so that everyone has the opportunity to age with dignity.

Sincerely,

Kenneth M. Lefebvre  
Chairman, Chelmsford Select Board