Town of Liberty, Maine

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Lori Parham AARP Maine State Director 53 Baster Blvd Portland ME 04101

Dear Ms. Parham,

On behalf of the Town of Liberty, I am pleased to submit this letter of interest and commitment in the AARP/World Health Organization Network of Age-Friendly Communities. The Town of Liberty recognizes the importance of encouraging and promoting age-friendly planning and policies to address changing demographics and to enhance independent living, and is committed to a process of continual improvement to support active and healthy aging.

As part of our involvement and commitment we have worked with Aging Well in Waldo County to conduct a base assessment of the community's age-friendliness and have participated in development of their community action plan, which was based on the findings of the assessment.

The Town of Liberty library has started a few social programs to encourage older people to get out and spend time with others. We have also started a monthly lunch social at a local restaurant and are working with Aging Well in Waldo County on their new transportation initiative.

Although we are involved in the wider age-friendly work in our region, in Liberty, we will involve older residents deeply in the ongoing planning process and we commit to monitoring progress toward implementing the action plan.

Sincerely,

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Melinda Steeves First Selectman Town of Liberty, Maine