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World Health Organization Avenue Appia 20 1211 Geneva Switzerland

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Jan Kulmann and I serve as the Mayor for the City of Thornton, Colorado. It is my pleasure to provide a letter of commitment on behalf of City Council and city staff as a part of our application to become a member of the World Health Organization's Global Network for Age-Friendly Cities and Communities.

Thornton is dedicated to continuing to be a city where our aging population can learn, grow, play, and live a healthy, stable, connected life. Our 65 and over population is set to double to over 30,000 residents by 2030 and we are excited about the opportunity to become a part of the World Health Organization's Global Network for Age-Friendly Cities and Communities so that we can gain access to resources that will help us continue to be on the cutting edge of best practices to support our residents as their needs change.

The City of Thornton has always made conscious and intentional choices in infrastructure and building design to accommodate our active adults, as well as placing a high priority in providing an abundance of resources and spaces for residents to be able to access information, programming, meals, and recreation.

The city completed a Boomer Bond Assessment in 2020 in conjunction with the Denver Regional Council of Governments addressing areas including Mobility & Access, Housing, Community Living, and Support Services. As we look to move forward with recommendations made in our assessment, we strongly believe that being a part of such a vast network will offer us additional tools, perspectives, and ideas to provide our residents with the best experience possible. I am honored to be able to represent a city that holds our active adults in high esteem, values their contributions to the community and makes a concerted effort to meet their needs daily.

We appreciate your consideration of our application and look forward to becoming a network member.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Jan Kulmann, Mayor City of Thornton