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July 18, 2024

Mr. Michael Olender, Director
AARP North Carolina
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Dear Mr. Olender,

As Chairman of the Guilford County Board of Commissioners, I am pleased to provide this letter of support and commitment on behalf of Guilford County to participate in the Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities coordinated nationally by AARP. Locally, in conjunction with Senior Resources of Guilford, the Guilford County Commissioners voted unanimously on July 18, 2024, to support this local planning process and to specifically request participation in the network.

Our County recognizes the importance of engaging and promoting age-friendly planning and policies to address the changing demographics which enhance independent living for all. Our County is committed to a process of continued improvements which supports active and healthy aging and provides a sustained economic and social foundation. We believe participating in the Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities will allow our County to build on its strong foundation of making Guilford County a great place to call home.

By providing support for this project, we desire to enable community organizations within Guilford County, in connection with the local AARP staff and volunteers, to move forward with addressing the eight domains of livability that helps to influence the health and quality of life for all as they age in our community. It is our understanding that the Age-Friendly Guilford team will focus on three initial areas for impact such as housing in the greater Greensboro community, food insecurity in the Greater High Point area, and transportation throughout Guilford County.

On behalf of the Guilford County Board of Commissioners and the citizens we represent, we thank you for considering our request to join AARP's Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities. We look forward to your response and this opportunity to work in partnership throughout our community.

Sincerely,

Melvin "Skip" Alston,
Chairman
Guilford County Board of Commissioners