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Mr. Michael Olender  
AARP North Carolina State Director  
5511 Capital Center Dr. Suite 400  
Raleigh, NC 27606

Dear Mr. Olender,

On behalf of Chatham County, North Carolina, I am pleased to offer this letter of our ongoing commitment to creating an age-friendly community. We are excited to join the AARP Age-Friendly Communities Network and look forward to continuing to make Chatham County a wonderful place to live, work, and be for people of all ages. Chatham County is one of the fastest-growing counties in North Carolina. It is our desire to become a livable community to promote health and to contribute to the well-being of the individuals who call Chatham their home in all stages of life.

In December 2024, a community survey was launched to gather feedback on how the County can better serve its aging population. The survey remained open for four months and received 760 responses. In addition to the survey, community input sessions were held at the Pittsboro Center for Active Living, Siler City Center for Active Living, Chatham Grove Community Center, and Goldston Town Hall. Feedback collected through the survey and community input sessions was then used by the leadership team and Aging Plan Steering Committee, comprising of Chatham County employees, elected officials, community leaders, and older adults to inform and develop the Aging Plan goals, strategies, and metrics. During the August 17, 2026 Board of Commissioners Work Session, the 2026-2031 Chatham County Aging Plan was adopted. This plan is modeled after AARP's 8 Domains of Livability.

As a member of the AARP Age-Friendly Communities Network, it is our intent to:

- Utilize the data collected through the community-wide survey and community input sessions to guide the tasks completed through the 2026-31 Chatham County Aging Plan.
- Pursue the active engagement of older adults throughout the implementation of the 2026-31 Chatham County Aging Plan that will address the AARP 8 Domains of Livability.
- Keep the community informed, especially older adults, through the Chatham County Information Hub, an online platform designed to track the County's strategic planning efforts.

We look forward to working with AARP North Carolina staff and volunteers to make Chatham County a place where people of all ages and in all stages of life can live, play, work, and grow!

Sincerely,

Amanda Robertson  
Chair, Chatham County Board of Commissioners

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