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Chair Stephanie Bloomingdale
City Plan Commission
City of Milwaukee
809 North Broadway
Milwaukee, WI 53202

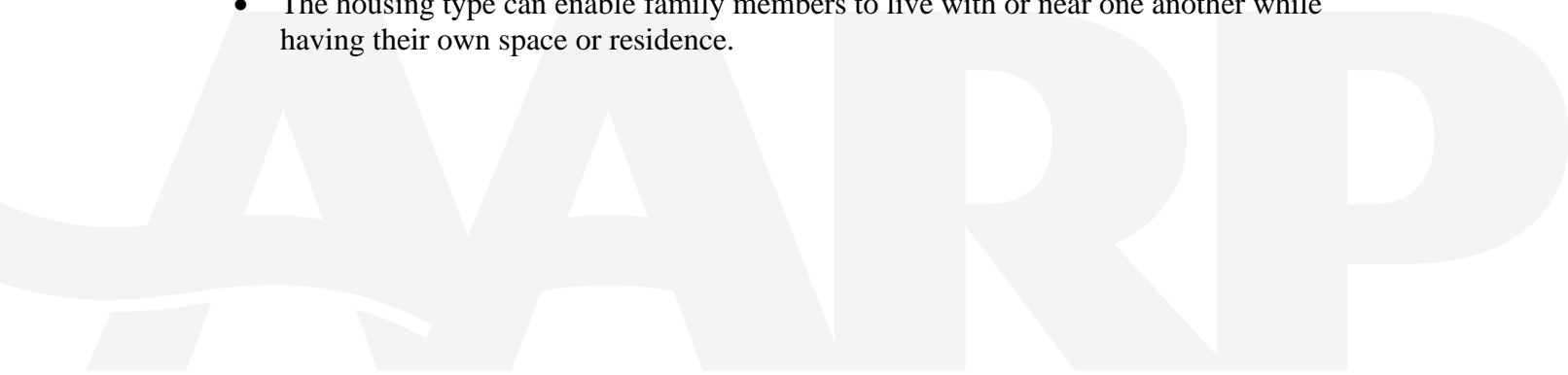
Dear Chair Bloomingdale and members of the City Plan Commission,

Supporting housing growth and choice are critical to the future of our city. AARP encourages the City Plan Commission to vote to recommend adoption of Growing MKE as part of the City's Comprehensive Plan to establish a collective vision for how housing development can advance Milwaukee's goals for housing choice, equity, affordability, economic development, and climate resilience.

These issues are central to our work at AARP. Americans are living longer than ever (soon living to 100 won't be an anomaly), and most hope to remain in their homes and communities for as long as possible. However, there has been a lack of preparation by developers and policymakers to ensure that the nation's housing stock meets the needs of people at all life stages. This mismatch puts millions of individuals at risk of limited or no access to housing that meets their needs or preferences as they age, and AARP is committed to addressing this issue across the country.

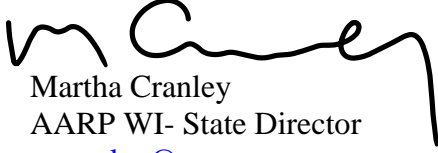
The recommendations contained within Growing MKE are aligned with our goals and will provide strong foundation for this important work stated below:

- Missing Middle Housing types (also referred to as Middle Housing) provide the size and affordability options that people of all ages — including older adults — very much need but often can't find.
- Since the dwellings are house-scale, the design and size of the buildings fit comfortably among detached single-family houses.
- The housing type can enable family members to live with or near one another while having their own space or residence.



Adopting Growing MKE will create a strong framework for the City to utilize its land use, zoning, and housing policy tools to meet the changing housing needs of our City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Cranley', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

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