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Dear Chapter President:

I'm writing to express sincere thanks on behalf of AARP for completing the 2018 Annual AARP Chapter Census & Activities Report and the Chapter Officer Update form. I realize that this paperwork can sometimes feel like a burden, and I very much appreciate the time you and your Chapter members dedicated to collecting and submitting this information to AARP.

The information provided about your Chapter will help give us a glimpse of the membership, operations, compliance, and Chapter-sponsored community service activities of the nation's AARP Chapters, and will help us inform others about the many ways Chapters support the AARP motto "to serve, not to be served." With the submission of the Chapter's Officer Update, you will continue to receive the most current information and updates about AARP.

Please accept the enclosed phone stand as a token of our appreciation. Thank you for your continued support and if you have questions, please email volunteer@aarp.org or call (toll free) 866-740-7719.

Sincerely,

Sharon Stewart

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AARP Office of Volunteer Engagement

Enclosure

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Fact Sheet

Each year, AARP Chapters complete the AARP Chapter Census & Activities Report. This important tool helps us better understand AARP Chapters, their members and the important work Chapters accomplish in their communities.

Many thanks to the 644 Chapters that shared their Census & Activity data!

Chapter Membership

- AARP has approximately 950 Chapters. The 644 Chapters (68%) that responded to the 2017 survey represent 50,192 members, with an average of 78 members per Chapter.
- 33-34 members on average attended their Chapter's monthly meeting. Meeting dues averaged \$3.
- 6,946 members were new, averaging 11-12 new members in each responding Chapter.
- The largest age group was 66-75 year olds (61%), followed by 76+ year olds (35%). Only 3% of Chapter members were younger than 66. (26 Chapters did not share age data.)

Chapter Operations & Compliance

- 95% of Chapters had the minimum meetings; 95% were in compliance with all state government reporting requirements; 90% had the minimum members.
- 76% sponsored at least 3 community service projects and 71% took part in an AARP activity or event.
- 53% took part in a Chapter regional call.

95% compliance

Community Service

- Chapters were deeply engaged in community service with the top areas being: Hunger-related activities (65%); Health & Wellness (56%); Advocacy/Legislative activities (52%); Long-Term Care/Nursing Home Support (49%); and Fundraising for Community Service activities (47%).
- 45% performed AARP's Day of Service activities.
- In terms of volunteer hours, the top activities were); Long-Term Care/Nursing Home Support (81,040); Health & Wellness (65,698) and Fundraising for Community Service Activities (64,109).
- Chapters spent 936,958 hours performing known Chapter-sponsored community service activities.

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