



One Commerce Plaza, #706 | Albany, NY 12260
1-866-227-7442 | Fax: 518-434-6949 | TTY: 1-877-434-7598
aarp.org/ny | nyaarp@aarp.org | twitter: @aarply
facebook.com/AARPNY

April 6, 2020

Dear Council Member:

You know AARP as a fierce advocate for our three quarter of a million New York City members, but we also serve all older New Yorkers by providing the information, tools, and resources they need to manage and strengthen their health, financial stability, and personal fulfillment.

As the coronavirus pandemic continues to take a toll on our communities, we are doubling down on work to support New Yorkers ages 50+. AARP is convening experts to share critical information through webinars; we are connecting those in need with community volunteers; and we are making valuable programs, information, and tools available online. As a social mission organization, we are proving all these resources for free. We think this is valuable information, available in both English and Spanish, that you may wish to share with your constituents.

Please feel free to e-mail me with any questions or feedback at bfinkel@aarp.org.

Dedicated Coronavirus Website

On our website, AARP.org, you can find extensive coronavirus information and resources which are updated regularly. It includes dozens of stories, videos, and tips designed to help people protect themselves and cope throughout this difficult time. Folks can sign up for our daily newsletter and find a whole lot more of AARP's coronavirus resources like the ones below at www.aarp.org/coronavirus and in Spanish at www.aarp.org/elcoronavirus.

AARP Community Connections

AARP has launched a new online platform that allows users to organize and find local volunteer groups to help pick up groceries, provide financial assistance, or lend emotional support to neighbors, friends and loved ones. These informal mutual aid groups will help communities stay connected and care for older adults and others who are at the greatest risk. To help combat social isolation, the site also offers access to hundreds of trained volunteers (and the number grows daily) who are standing by and ready to call anyone who wants to hear a friendly voice. For more information, visit www.aarpcommunityconnections.org.

Real Possibilities

Coronavirus Frauds & Scams

Unfortunately, scammers are taking advantage of fears surrounding the coronavirus. AARP's Fraud Watch Network Helpline, a free resource for AARP members and nonmembers alike, provides callers with information to protect themselves and their families as well as guidance and emotional support for those who have been victimized by fraud. The Helpline is operated by staff and volunteers with extensive training and experience fighting scams that target older Americans. For more information, visit the Fraud Watch Network Helpline or to report a scam, visit our [Fraud Tracker](#).

Caregivers

For family caregivers, the pandemic poses enormous challenges and lots of questions. AARP is providing information and resources to help caregivers protect themselves and those they care for. The risk is real, but we know that having an action plan in place can help with the anxiety and ensure loved ones are taken care of if a caregiving gets sick. Families can also connect with other caregivers and hear from experts in AARP's Caregiver group on Facebook. AARP's resources for caregiving during Coronavirus resources are available at www.aarp.org/caregiving.

Livable Communities

To shine a spotlight on how communities are meeting the needs of older residents during the pandemic, AARP is featuring community responses on our [Livable Communities website](#).

Free Virtual offerings from Area Organizations

We are curating a list of free online events from local museums, cultural institutions and more. The list is available [here](#).

If you have any suggestions of additional information or programs that AARP might provide, please let me know.

With warm regards and wishes for good health,



Beth Finkel
State Director
AARP New York