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**LEXINGTON**

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Carrie Nie  
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Dear Ms. Nie,

Please accept this letter as notification that Lexington-Fayette County, Kentucky, intends to apply for the Safe Communities America accreditation. We are committed to collaborating with local partners and enhancing safety efforts in our community. Safe Communities America provides us with the model to accomplish this effectively.

The Lexington Safe Communities Coalition held its first meeting on April 20, 2016, and the group has overwhelmingly approved moving forward with Safe Communities America accreditation. We look forward to working with you, learning from other accredited Safe Communities, and strengthening our efforts to keep our community safe and healthy.

During our planning efforts, the Coalition has been pleasantly surprised to discover the many ways in which organizations in Lexington are already striving to improve the health, safety, and quality of life of our community. We have identified future partnerships between agencies and programs and become more cognizant that Lexington provides a hub of services for the surrounding counties in the Central Kentucky area. We are excited about our future in Lexington.

Our coalition will be led by:

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Sincerely,

Jim Gray, Mayor

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Gray".

