



US House Arizona District 8

HOW TO USE THE AARP VOTERS' GUIDE:

AARP produced this guide to help you find out what candidates are saying about health and financial security in their own words.

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Social Security

How would you protect Social Security for today's seniors and strengthen it for future generations?

AARP's Position:

Social Security should continue to guarantee that Americans who work and pay into the system receive benefits based on what they earn and contribute. Benefits should keep up with inflation and last for as long as an individual lives. We must strengthen Social Security for the future and protect benefits for people who count on them most, including surviving spouses and families, lower-wage workers, and disabled individuals who no longer can work. Social Security must be put on stable financial ground, but any adjustments should be implemented gradually so changes do not impact those in or near retirement.

Trent Franks (Rep):

Congressman Franks is the author of H.R. 1058, the Seniors Financial Security Act. This bill amends the Internal Revenue Code to repeal the inclusion in gross income for income tax purposes of Social Security and tier 1 railroad retirement benefits. He believes it is wrong for the government to over tax our seniors. (Source: Trent Franks Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/cwzu6>)

Medicare

How would you put Medicare on stronger financial ground and protect today's seniors and future retirees from rising health costs?

AARP's Position:

Medicare should be strengthened and improved so both current and future generations can count on having access to high-quality, affordable coverage. Medicare should continue to guarantee a specific set of benefits that are affordable and meet a person's health care needs. Medicare should offer choices that ensure access to high-quality health care. Medicare should improve the quality, safety, and efficiency of care by emphasizing value and cracking down on fraud, waste, and abuse.

Trent Franks (Rep):

The notion that the federal government could overtake our health care system and run it with increased efficiency is absurd and indicates a serious lack of perspective. Consider, for example, that when Medicare originally became law in 1965, the Congressional Budget Office predicted it would cost \$12 billion per year by 1990; in reality, the cost of Medicare in 1990 was about \$110 billion. Likewise, Medicare expansion of 1987 was projected to cost \$1 billion annually, by 1992; the actual cost was \$17 billion. (Source: Trent Franks House Website, <http://goo.gl/PXY1H8>)

Financial Security

How would you help Americans save so they can secure their future and live independently as they age?

AARP's Position:

More opportunities and incentives should be available for all Americans to plan and save so they can have a more secure future. Freedom from age discrimination is a fundamental right and critical to Americans' ability to have a secure retirement. Every worker should be treated fairly, regardless of age. We need to support family caregivers who make it possible for more seniors to live in their homes and communities, where they want, rather than taxpayers and struggling families paying for costlier care.

Trent Franks (Rep):

The primary role of government in the economy is to combat fraud and price fixing practices, and get out of the way of free enterprise and let the people produce. As someone who knows what it is like to start a business and to develop two patents, Congressman Franks believes government should take a minimalist approach to the economy so that the private sector can innovate and thrive. This means less regulation, less taxes, and less intrusion into private markets and business. (Source: Trent Franks Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/zIKaO>)



After years of working hard and paying into the system, AARP believes you've earned the right to know where the candidates stand on the issues that matter to you and your family. This Voters' Guide will help you find out where the candidates stand on health and financial security in their own words, so you can decide which candidate best reflects your views and values.

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