



US House Arkansas District 1

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.

Rick Crawford (Rep):

Seniors who have worked hard their entire lives deserve the Social Security benefits they were promised. Seniors have not seen an adjustment for inflation to their Social Security benefits since 2009 even though basic necessities have been on the rise. Our Greatest Generation should not be forced to choose between medicine and groceries, this cost of living adjustment will give seniors some help with rising costs. Moving forward I will continue efforts to improve seniors' access to Medicare and will fight off any actions to deny care. (Source: Rep. Crawford's Congressional Website, <http://ow.ly/czUPc>)

Jackie McPherson (Dem):

I'll work to protect Social Security and Medicare, but I'll work just as hard to cut out inefficiency and fraud. (Source: McPherson for Congress, <http://goo.gl/MojxzR>)

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.

Rick Crawford (Rep):

We cannot forget the commitment we have made to seniors with Social Security and Medicare. I am frustrated with the political bickering and lack of solutions coming from Washington. [...] Medicare is a promise to seniors who have paid into the program for years. I am working in Congress to strengthen Medicare for today's seniors and so that next generation of Americans can enjoy this program. (Source: Rep. Crawford's Congressional Website, <http://ow.ly/xwOAK> & <http://ow.ly/A4gkO>)

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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.

Rick Crawford (Rep):

One of my first acts as a Member of Congress was to introduce legislation that eliminates the 1099 paperwork requirement included in ObamaCare. This provides immediate relief to small businesses allowing them to redirect resources and focus on job creation. I also co-sponsored legislation that permanently extends the Bush tax cuts and repeals the estate tax. Fixing our nation's economy and putting Americans back to work remains my top-priority. I will continue to focus my efforts towards implementing pro-growth policies so our economy can recover and Americans can get back to work. (Source: Rep. Crawford's Congressional Website, <http://ow.ly/xwOMU>)

Jackie McPherson (Dem):

Heber Springs Mayor and 1st Congressional District candidate Jackie McPherson endorsed a proposed state ballot initiative to raise Arkansas' hourly minimum wage to \$8.50 by 2017. (Source: Arkansas Online, <http://ow.ly/xwOWA>)



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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