



## US House Arkansas District 2

### **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.

### **Patrick H. Hays (Dem):**

Hays told the group he supports preserving Social Security and Medicare, easing regulations that hinder economic development and increasing Arkansas' minimum wage. (Source: Pine Bluff Commercial, <http://ow.ly/y93vM>)

### **French Hill (Rep):**

Social Security and Medicare are promises between the federal government and the hard-working Americans who have paid into these programs over the years... This valuable program provides many seniors with a reliable pension. However, lack of accountability, government oversight, and frequent abuse, such as disability fraud, has weakened this program. Through strong leadership and common sense, I believe we can strengthen Social Security for today's seniors and future beneficiaries. (Source: Elect French, <http://ow.ly/zpDR1>)

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## **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.

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Medicare is a critical program that serves the health care needs of many Arkansans. We must strengthen and secure this program. Unfortunately, Medicare is on weak footing and some Arkansas seniors are having trouble finding Medicare providers... Congress raided \$716 billion from the Medicare Trust Fund to pay for ObamaCare, hurting seniors. Furthermore, waste, fraud, and abuse continue to weaken the program. I oppose ObamaCare. I will support prudent measures to strengthen Medicare for today's retirees and future beneficiaries. (Source: Elect French, <http://ow.ly/zpDR1>)

## **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.

### **Patrick H. Hays (Dem):**

One of Mayor Hays' proudest accomplishments was the completion of the Patrick Henry Hays Senior Citizens Center – a state of the art facility that offers North Little Rock seniors a place of their own, providing quality services ranging from healthcare, to meal programs, to social activities to over 700 seniors a day. (Source: Tea Party Cheer, <http://ow.ly/xwPr>)

### **French Hill (Rep):**

I support policies that help hard-working Americans save for retirement and health care independent of government aid. We must enhance 401(K)'s, IRA's, and HSAs so seniors can have security and peace of mind. We should protect and promote the FHA's successful reverse mortgage program[...] these meaningful improvements will only matter if we control Washington's spending[...] our federal deficit will trigger uncontrolled inflation. Nothing could be more devastating to the savings, income, and financial security of our nation's seniors than runaway inflation. (Source: Elect French, <http://ow.ly/zpDR1>)



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.

To find out more about these issues and voting information, please visit [aarp.org/yourvote](http://aarp.org/yourvote).

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