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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.

Tom McClintock (Rep):

Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security are driving our debt. Social Security could use improvement, but Medicare pays out more than it takes in. (Source: Mountain Democrat, http://ow.ly/bLCGU)

Arthur S. Moore (Rep):

Medicare and Social Security are part of the contract we have with workers to provide health care and a base income in their retirement years. Instead, Congress has treated these as political issues, promising more but never making the hard decisions to ensure they are funded. Any reforms must preserve the promises made to those who already are retired or nearing retirement. They have made their retirement plans based on these programs' promises. We need to shore up the finances of the systems so those who are entering the workforce now will have these programs available to them when they retire as well. (Source: Moore for Congress, http://ow.ly/xDiXW)

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.

Tom McClintock (Rep):

Medicare is out of control and will run us right into the poorhouse, said McClintock, who forecasts the collapse of the U.S. economy around 2021. "Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security are driving our debt. Social Security could use improvement, but Medicare pays out more than it takes in. (Source: Mountain Democrat, http://ow.ly/bLCGU)

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Stop using Medicare funds (e.g., cuts to Medicare Advantage) to prop up Obamacare mistakes. Pass comprehensive reform for Medicare physician payments rather than continuing to pass emergency temporary fixes each year as Congress does now. Pass measures that begin to get control of escalating health care costs, starting with litigation reform to ensure health care dollars go to health care rather than lawyers along with greater competition among Medicare providers to ensure retirees get the best service at the lowest cost. (Source: Moore for Congress, http://ow.ly/xDiXW)

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.

Tom McClintock (Rep):

Cutting the payroll tax did make a huge difference in the ability of working families to make ends meet in a time of declining family incomes and inexorably rising prices. To restore that tax today, given the economic pressures on working families, is simply unthinkable. (Source: Tom McClintock Website, http://ow.ly/xDify)

Arthur S. Moore (Rep):

Economic recovery skipped many of our middle class jobs, with job growth predominantly in the higher and lower wages. Unemployment remains unacceptably high. Even those with jobs face underemployment and many have given up and left the workforce. We need to reform government spending—bring spending in line with revenues and eliminate the tax increases threatened by growing debts. Simplify the tax system and reduce its disincentives to creating middle class jobs. Stop issuing new regulations and review the ones we have to eliminate abuses and take them back to their intended purposes. (Source: Moore for Congress, http://ow.ly/xDjJ1)

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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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