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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.

HAVING TROUBLE CUTTING THROUGH THE POLITICAL CAMPAIGN CLUTTER?

AARP is committed to helping you get the facts you need to choose candidates who reflect your views and values. We are nonpartisan – we don't support or oppose any political candidates or contribute any money to campaigns or political action committees. Our priority is ensuring you know where the candidates stand before you cast your vote.



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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.

Antonio C. Amador (Rep):

AARP did extensive research but was unable to find any public statement on this issue by July 11, 2014.

Jerry McNerney (Dem):

I will strongly oppose any plan to privatize Social Security or reduce benefits and will work to protect the program for today's seniors and the coming generation of beneficiaries. I have worked hard to help seniors navigate the Social Security Administration bureaucracy and get the benefits to which they're entitled. (Source: Vote Smart, <http://ow.ly/y5QsN>)

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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Jerry McNerney (Dem):

I'm committed to preserving and strengthening Medicare. Although there has been a lot of misinformation circulating about what health reform means for seniors, the new law preserves and improves Medicare benefits[...]I'll keep working to make sure that Medicare benefits are fully protected for every American. (Source: Vote Smart, <http://ow.ly/y5QsN>)

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.

Antonio C. Amador (Rep):

Unemployment remains high and discouraged people have dropped out of the job market. We need EFFECTIVE leadership to stop the downward slide. Empty promises and high taxes do not create jobs. (Source: Amador for Congress, <http://ow.ly/xPLFu>)

Jerry McNerney (Dem):

I worked to pass a law that provides tax relief to companies that hire new workers[...]I also wrote a bill to reduce the burden of the estate tax so that small businesses and family farms can be passed from one generation to the next[...]I've helped lead the charge to crack down on outsourcing. I introduced a bill called the Stop Outsourcing and Create American Jobs Act to get tough on companies that ship our jobs abroad....Creating jobs in our area is one of my priorities, and I'll keep doing everything I can to give small businesses the tools to succeed and to stop outsourcing American jobs. (Source: Jerry McNerney Website, <http://ow.ly/bRuZw>)



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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