



## **US House California District 22**

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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.

# Suzanna Aguilera-Marrero (Dem):

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

### **Devin G. Nunes (Rep):**

Nunes was an original cosponsor of A Roadmap for America's Future (H.R. 6110). The bill proposed major reforms of the U.S. health care system, entitlement programs, the federal tax code, job training, and the budget process. The Roadmap offers permanent solutions to our nation's budget challenges by revamping Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security, and providing for their long-term financial solvency. (Source: Rep. Nunes' Congressional website, http://ow.ly/xNUBX)

### **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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I am introducing the Choice in Healthcare Act, which will create a voluntary, 10-year pilot program for a new health-care delivery system...Geared toward low-income individuals and seniors, this simple plan will replace participants' Medicare and Medicaid benefits with roughly equivalent funds put on a debit-style "Medi-choice" card. Participants can then use their card to buy the health insurance of their choice on the open market and to pay for out-of-pocket expenses such as co-payments and deductibles...the card's funding level will be adjusted for inflation, and any unused funds will roll over to the next year. (Source: Rep. Nunes' Congressional website, http://ow.ly/bVzFt)

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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.

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Reps. Devin Nunes (R-Calif.) and Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-N.J.) proposed the TELE-MED Act of 2013 (HR 3077), which would legalize the treatment of Medicare patients across state lines via telemedicine and allow patients and their caregivers more flexibility when either party wants to visit each other. (Source: The hill, http://ow.ly/xNUXE)



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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