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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.

Lois Capps (Dem):

And while the retirement of the baby-boom generation means we must address the long-term financial viability of the program, Social Security is a sacred promise to our seniors that must never be broken. That is why I strongly oppose proposals to privatize the program. In addition, Social Security must meet the special needs of women, who live longer and earn less than men, and take time from the workforce to raise and care for their families, all things that make saving for retirement harder. (Source: Lois Capps Website, <http://ow.ly/bXWm7>)

Christopher Mitchum (Rep):

Without changing benefits for any recipient, one of the best things we can do to fix Social Security is to have a balanced budget amendment and spend less than we take in. On the other side, create jobs so that America is working again. This will stop Congress from taking money out of SS for other uses and the "IOUs" can be paid back. (Source: Mitchum for Congress, <http://ow.ly/xNCQt>)

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.

Lois Capps (Dem):

The Ryan budget would end Medicare as we know it, and that's why I strongly oppose this plan and have already voted against it. Medicare is now stronger because of the Affordable Care Act that I helped write and voted for. Health-care reform extended the Medicare Trust Fund by eight years by eliminating hundreds of billions of dollars in overpayments to private insurance companies, cracking down on fraud, and holding down payments to drug companies and other providers. Conversely, the Ryan budget's repeal of health-care reform would make the trust fund insolvent by 2016. That is irresponsible. (Source: Noozhawk, <http://ow.ly/xNVuY>)

Christopher Mitchum (Rep):

Medicare and Social Security are in danger of collapsing. Rather than using market principles to manage contributions made to the system(s), Congress has used them as a slush fund for other government spending, leaving taxpayers with an enormous debt to current and future retirees. My principles for reform are to first, ensure that current beneficiaries are given the benefits they are entitled to. Future beneficiaries should be given options on how to manage and prepare for retirement and healthcare. Massive overhauls are required for both systems and I want to be a part of a conversation [...](Source: Vote-Ca, <http://ow.ly/xNDts>)

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.

Lois Capps (Dem):

My Priorities: • Invest in high-tech and clean energy innovation and manufacturing • Help small businesses grow and hire by increasing access to credit and reducing unnecessary regulations • Balance the budget and address long-term fiscal challenges • Rebuild crumbling schools, roads and bridges to create needed construction jobs (Source: Lois Capps Website, <http://ow.ly/bXWU8>)

Christopher Mitchum (Rep):

We must end the Death Tax. That parents work their entire lives to leave their children a business, a home, inheritance, on all of which taxes have already been paid when earned, is double taxation. The government needs to let us leave our children, our surviving spouse, what we have earned, and get out of the family. Coupled with everything else, we MUST make spending cuts. The best plan I've seen to date is the Mack-Penny Plan. (Source: Mitchum for Congress, <http://ow.ly/xNCQt>)



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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