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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.

Elan S. Carr (Rep):

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

Ted W. Lieu (Dem):

Ted is opposed to any attempt to privatize Social Security or reduce benefits; he supports expanding those benefits instead. [...] Ted Lieu's priorities on Social Security: Continue efforts to end discrimination in Social Security by passing H.R. 4664, the "Social Security and Marriage Equality Act" Oppose so-called reforms which would have the effect of reducing benefits to seniors, such as means testing of benefits, raising the eligibility age and the use of Chained CPI. Support legislation to shore up Social Security for future generations by increasing the payroll tax cap on contributions. (Source: Lieu Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/zpvCi>)

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 currently threatened by political forces that want to turn it into a voucher system. Ted Lieu opposes this, because 'voucher' is just code for 'privatization' and an attempt to redirect funding away from healthcare services. Quality, affordable healthcare is a right, not a privilege. As a member of Congress, Ted will work to ensure everyone has access to quality and affordable care, including through the expansion and strengthening of Medicare. (Source: Lieu Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/zpvCi>)

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.

Elan S. Carr (Rep):

Too many Americans today are not finding the kinds of opportunities that our economy provided only a decade ago. The Government's top priority must be to implement a tax and regulatory structure that rapidly grows our economy and encourages job creators, so that all of us, and our children, will be able to find the jobs and careers that they deserve. (Source: Carr Campaign Site, <http://ow.ly/yc3WE>)

Ted W. Lieu (Dem):

Ted Lieu has long history of championing issues to protect older Americans and advocating for older Americans. Ted authored landmark financial reform legislation which banned risky financial products such as negative amortization loans and which placed a fiduciary responsibility on mortgage brokers. Ted authored laws that prevented tax and deed scams on homeowners and championed more funding for in home support services, adult daycare and restoring dental services to older citizens. (Source: Lieu Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/zpvCi>)



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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