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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.

Carl DeMaio (Rep):

We have an obligation to our seniors – Democrats and Republicans should come together to fulfill our commitment to our seniors by enacting common-sense reforms to save Social Security and Medicare. DeMaio will insist that we keep our Social Security commitments to the American people and both for those already retired and those who will retire in the future. (Source: DeMaio for Congress, <http://ow.ly/xI9jS>)

Scott H. Peters (Dem):

Social Security and Medicare are compacts[...]we must not break. Men and women who have spent a lifetime of work deserve the security of knowing their retirement and benefits will be there for them[...]We must protect both Medicare and Social Security. Period. These are rights seniors have earned after a lifetime of hard work and paying into the system. I believe Social Security should be a guarantee for retirement, not a question mark. I will continue to fight any risky scheme to privatize Social Security and expose it to stock market ups and downs, threatening seniors' retirement plans. (Source: Scott Peters for Congress, <http://ow.ly/xDnax>)

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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Scott H. Peters (Dem):

Medicare is what keeps many seniors from a retirement of poverty. I oppose efforts to cut Medicare and reduce it to a private voucher system that will only create a spike in out-of-pocket healthcare costs for seniors. We can reduce fraud and waste and find ways to reduce prescription drug costs, helping to reduce the overall costs of Medicare. (Source: Scott Peters for Congress, <http://ow.ly/xDnax>)

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.

Carl DeMaio (Rep):

It's time to get San Diegans back to work. Congress has an obligation to cut the red tape and help all Americans overcome obstacles to achieving the American dream. You cannot tax your way to prosperity. That's why Carl DeMaio opposes tax increases on the middle class. Locally, DeMaio will work with the San Diego Workforce Partnership and local employers to improve job training for workers at every stage of their career path. (Source: DeMaio for Congress, <http://ow.ly/xI9TA>)

Scott H. Peters (Dem):

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



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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