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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.

George Leing (Rep):

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

Jared Polis (Dem):

I support securing Social Security's long-term stability and solvency. Rather than raiding the Trust Fund and mortgaging our future, we must strengthen Social Security by restoring fiscal responsibility. I fully support new personal savings incentives, such as the AmeriSave Plan, which combines compound interest with guaranteed benefits. (Source: On the Issues, <http://ow.ly/xwWHR>)

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.

George Leing (Rep):

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Jared Polis (Dem):

Congressman Polis does not believe we should balance the budget on the backs of seniors who have funded the program for years with their tax dollars. Medicare has become an indispensable part of our nation's social safety net[...]Medicare unquestionably has succeeded in giving our seniors the opportunity to maintain a healthy and productive standard of living after they retire, and Congressman Polis is committed to working in Congress to develop a plan to ensure the long-term sustainability of Medicare in a way that protects the benefits that our seniors rely on. (Source: Rep. Polis Congressional Website, <http://ow.ly/c2n3U>)

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.

George Leing (Rep):

We need policies that reduce the barriers to economic growth. We must ease the regulatory burdens that small businesses face. (Source: George Leing for Congress, <http://ow.ly/xwWYY>)

Jared Polis (Dem):

With American families and businesses still struggling to recover from the Great Recession, Congress must have a singular focus on job creation and expanding opportunity...A sustainable and successful economic recovery rests on supporting new and small businesses, reforming our bloated tax code, expanding markets for U.S. goods and services, providing every American with a high-quality education, and restoring fiscal discipline to the federal budget. Only by taking these steps can we create jobs and continue as the most dynamic economic in the world. (Source: Rep. Polis Congressional Website, <http://ow.ly/c2nJC>)



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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