



## US House Colorado District 7

### **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.

### **Ed G. Perlmutter (Dem):**

I oppose "privatization" or private accounts for Social Security payroll contributions. Social Security is too important to be subjected to the risk and volatility of the stock market...With the aging baby boomer generation, the time will come where the fund will pay out more benefits than are coming in[...]The question is what to do to preserve America's promise of Social Security for our senior citizens and disabled. Further Congressional oversight and investigation on identifying ways to keep Social Security solvent must be explored[...] (Source: Rep. Perlmutter Congressional Website, <http://ow.ly/c2FXJ>)

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## **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.

### **Ed G. Perlmutter (Dem):**

Medicare is a nationwide health insurance program for individuals aged 65 and over and certain people with disabilities. Approximately 574,000 Coloradans were enrolled in Medicare in 2008. I am committed to protecting and strengthening the Medicare program for America's seniors. Medicare is a sacred trust with Americans, and our health insurance reform plan will ensure that trust is preserved. (Source: Rep. Perlmutter Congressional Website, <http://ow.ly/c2Gje>)

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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.

### **Ed G. Perlmutter (Dem):**

Our tax code should be reformed in a simple and fair way which is more conducive for economic growth. By eliminating certain individual and corporate tax loopholes favoring a few specific interests, we can lower the individual and corporate tax rates for all Americans. Furthermore, eliminating specific loopholes can create a more efficient and equitable tax code delivering broader economic growth than currently structured[...]. Seniors and hardworking Americans in the middle shouldn't be required to pay more than millionaires and billionaires. (Source: Rep. Perlmutter Congressional Website, <http://ow.ly/c2GUI>)

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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.

To find out more about these issues and voting information, please visit [aarp.org/yourvote](http://aarp.org/yourvote).

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