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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 protect benefits for people who count on them most, including surviving spouses and families, low-wage workers, and individuals who become disabled and can no longer 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.

Matthew M. Corey (Rep):

We have close to \$50 trillion in unfunded obligations threatening to bankrupt the younger generations. Rep. Ryan's plan preserves the promises made to our seniors on Medicare. His plan protects current and future Medicare recipients. Something has to be done instead of forced cuts in the future. I believe we need to give social security to those who need it most. Social security was meant to be a safeguard to prevent seniors from living in poverty. States should be held accountable for coming up with cost saving measures for the young receiving assistance such as, a voucher system to help them get private insurance. (Source: Corey for Congress, <http://ow.ly/y6c9J>)

John B. Larson (Dem):

Larson called any effort to privatize Social Security a "non-starter" and said the federal government needs to "honor the commitment" it made to those who have paid into the system. While Larson said he would be open to deficit-reduction measures "that are constructive and make sense," he also expressed a reluctance to touch Social Security. "This is a bedrock program for the American people." He did not say whether he backed proposals to cut Social Security payments to rich retirees. (Source: Hartford Courant, <http://ow.ly/cwNjh>)

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.

Matthew M. Corey (Rep):

Congressman Paul Ryan's plan on the floor of Congress preserves the promises made to our seniors on Medicare. His plan protects current and future Medicare recipients. We all agree something has to be done now instead of forced cuts in the future that will benefit no one. (Source: Corey for Congress, <http://goo.gl/1Pl62N>)

John B. Larson (Dem):

Medicare [...] protects seniors' health and economic security. Medicare provides seniors with health care coverage they would not otherwise be able to afford [...] Congressman Larson remains committed to strengthening Medicare, not tearing it down. Any proposal to ensure Medicare's financial stability must preserve guaranteed benefits that have made Medicare a reliable source of care for seniors. (Source: Rep. Larson's Congressional Website, <http://ow.ly/xxoxE>)

Financial Security

How would you help Americans build a financial nest egg for their retirement?

AARP's Position:

There should be more opportunities and incentives for all Americans to save for their retirement and financial security. Freedom from age discrimination is a fundamental right, and all Americans should be able to keep working and contributing to society regardless of age. Promoting affordable homeownership and safeguarding home equity are important to maintain and improve the independence and quality of life of Americans age 50-plus.

Matthew M. Corey (Rep):

I believe we need more tax free retirement savings accounts. This will encourage people to save more. (Source: Corey for Congress, <http://goo.gl/1Pl6zN>)

John B. Larson (Dem):

Congressman Larson [...] (is) committed to developing a fair and balanced plan to increase job creation and help every American find the simple dignity that comes from a job. (Source: Rep. Larson's congressional Website, <http://ow.ly/xxoGI>)



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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