



US House Connecticut District 2

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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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 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.

Joe Courtney (Dem):

Strengthening retiree savings to ensure that all Americans have the income security they need and deserve in their later years. Protect critical benefits that seniors have paid into for their entire lifetime and depend on to make ends meet. (Source: Courtney Congressional Site, <http://goo.gl/p2KFjQ>)

Lori Hopkins-Cavanagh (Rep):

Our Social Security system was originally structured to cover a shorter life expectancy. Americans are living longer, thanks to advances in medicine. Social Security's current unfunded liability of \$20.5 trillion amounts to \$148,000 per household! Fewer workers are paying into this system. If continued, the cost of benefits will grow faster than our economy. We must keep our promise to the Americans who depend on Social Security. Congress cannot keep 'kicking this can down the road'. It is irresponsible not to address necessary reforms for solvency. (Source: Lori Hopkins-Cavanagh Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/xx1Ce>)

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.

Joe Courtney (Dem):

Ensure that older Americans have access to the health care they need, including preventative health screenings, lower cost prescription drugs and affordable long term care options. (Source: Joe Courtney's website, <http://goo.gl/p2KFjQ>)

Lori Hopkins-Cavanagh (Rep):

Home health care is especially important because other sources of treatment are often located many miles away. I aim to champion the interests of Connecticut seniors and retirees and support common sense solutions to our Nation's largest challenges. (Source: Lori Hopkins-Cavanagh Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/xzMvJ>)

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.

Joe Courtney (Dem):

I am fighting every day in Congress to support our seniors and retirees through efforts to strengthen programs like Social Security and Medicare, reduce their costs, strengthen and protect their benefits, and ensure they have the support they need. (Source: Joe Courtney's website, <http://goo.gl/p2KFjQ>)

Lori Hopkins-Cavanagh (Rep):

I aim to champion the interests of Connecticut seniors and retirees and support common sense solutions to our Nation's largest challenges. Connecticut's economic growth and our citizens' future prosperity should not be threatened from bad policies emanating from Washington DC. (Source: Lori Hopkins-Cavanagh Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/xx1Yl>)



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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