



US House Connecticut District 5

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.

Elizabeth H. Esty (Dem):

I also staunchly oppose any attempt to privatize or cut Social Security benefits. So many of our seniors depend on Social Security just to survive, and for others it is a critical element of their retirement plan. It's their money, and they earned it. (Source: Esty for Congress website, <http://ow.ly/zLpkC>)

Mark D. Greenberg (Rep):

Mark Greenberg supports raising the age for Social Security benefits (Source: CT Dems Website, <http://ow.ly/xx3ap>)

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.

Elizabeth H. Esty (Dem):

Medicare plays a critical role for our seniors and must be protected. To ensure its financial stability we should implement common sense reforms to lower costs like implementing electronic medical records, better coordination of health services, using Medicare's negotiating power to get better rates and prices, and eliminating waste, fraud, and abuse. Billions of dollars are wasted in fraudulent health claims. Cracking down on these abusive practices will lower costs and help preserve Medicare for the long-term. (Source: Esty for Congress website, <http://ow.ly/zLpkC>)

Mark D. Greenberg (Rep):

He supports raising the Medicare eligibility age from 65 to at least 69. (Source: CT Dems Website, <http://ow.ly/xx3gq>)

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.

Elizabeth H. Esty (Dem):

We must fight for tax relief for those who need it the most – the middle class. We should end the[...] tax cuts for millionaires and use that money to help balance the budget. Government's fiscal crisis cannot be addressed without also lowering health care costs. We should continue to modernize information technology to reduce medical errors and to root out fraud, waste, and abuse in the health care system. I support allowing Medicare to use its bargaining power to lower the cost of prescription drugs. (Source: Votesmart, <http://goo.gl/occ11e>)

Mark D. Greenberg (Rep):

Creating new jobs and ensuring a real economic recovery are my top priorities. Companies need consistent federal policies in order to make decisions about hiring or expanding. They cannot invest in their future when the federal government foists new burdensome mandates and taxes upon them every year. (Source: Mark Greenberg Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/xzNbl>)



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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