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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?

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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.

James E. Bryan (Dem):

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

Jeff B. Miller (Rep):

"[...]I am committed to ensuring that seniors receive every penny in Social security benefits that they have earned over a lifetime of hard work[...]: • Do not cut benefits to the current and soon-to-be retirees. • Do not raise taxes. (Benefits under the current system could be maintained only with a 15 percent payroll tax increase, according to the Trustees Report.) • Always maintain a retirement safety net for all workers, including disability and survivors' insurance. • Personal accounts must be constrained within safe parameters so people do not recklessly lose money. • Do not raise the retirement age." (Source: Congressman Jeff Miller, Official Website; <http://ow.ly/bvCOg>)

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.

James E. Bryan (Dem):

I will work hard in Congress to preserve and improve the Affordable Health Care Act and to maintain the health care services provided to our veterans through the VA and to our seniors through Medicare. (Source: Bryan Campaign Site, <http://goo.gl/StkgYk>)

Jeff B. Miller (Rep):

Congress needs to figure out how to keep the promises we have already made to current and future generations before making a new promise of a drug benefit. The latest attempt at a prescription drug bill simply created a new federal entitlement program, without significant reforms to curb Medicare's current course toward bankruptcy. [...] It is important that Congress help seniors in need of receiving drugs while avoiding the creation of a new, unaffordable government program. (Source: Congressman Jeff Miller official Website, <http://ow.ly/cc7td>)

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.

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Jeff B. Miller (Rep):

One of biggest problems facing us right now is the wasteful spending in Washington and the growing federal deficit. [...] We must stop the growth in discretionary spending that is occurring every year in Washington. [...] I have led the charge for tax relief for hard-working Americans. But we need to go even further. Congress needs to eliminate once-and-for-all pork projects and earmarks from the budget. (Source: Jeff Miller for Congress Website, <http://ow.ly/cc6s1>)



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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