



## **US House Florida District 4**

#### 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:**

#### Ander M. Crenshaw (Rep):

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.

Although benefits for today's seniors and for those about to retire are safe, we must take action now to preserve these benefits in the long term. We need to explore solutions such as allowing individuals the option of investing in their retirement through personal accounts. Not only would this offer a safe, low-cost way to invest, but put control in the hands of the individual, instead of the government. As we continue this debate, I plan remaining a vocal proponent of reforming this antiquated system. (Source: Ander Crenshaw official Website, http://ow.ly/ccxqd)

### **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.

#### Ander M. Crenshaw (Rep):

The Republican led Congress made good on a promise to our seniors by passing sweeping Medicare reform two years ago. "These reforms, including the Medicare prescription drug benefit (Medicare Part D), took effect January 1, 2006. Now, by enrolling in Medicare Part D, seniors can receive low-cost prescription drugs." More than 38 million people signed up and are paying for premiums at prices much lower than originally expected... (Source: Ander Crenshaw official Website, http://ow.ly/cuQGQ)

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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:**

#### Ander M. Crenshaw (Rep):

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.

Congress needs to lower taxes and rein in wasteful spending. The radical and reckless spending in Washington is out of control and the American people are being left behind. American families have to live within their means, and so should the federal government. Controlling government spending and creating a realistic budget are at the top of my priority list as your elected representative. I will continue to fight for fiscal discipline within the halls of Congress so that our children and grandchildren will not be burdened by this generation's fiscal irresponsibility. (Source: Ander Crenshaw official Website, http://ow.ly/zZhKy)



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**.

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