



## US House Florida 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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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 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.

### **Corrine Brown (Dem):**

"[...]There is no immediate crisis in Social Security's solvency and it does not contribute to the deficit[...]I remain strongly opposed to any plan that privatizes Social Security[...]I also oppose increasing the retirement age or cutting benefits for the middle class." (Source: Corrine Brown Website, <http://ow.ly/c1ZUk>)

### **Gloreatha Scurry-Smith (Rep):**

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## **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.

### **Corrine Brown (Dem):**

"I will continue to fight to preserve the gains we made in the last Congress to expand access to care and protect those who already have it. Under the Affordable Care Act of 2009, guaranteed Medicare-covered benefits won't be reduced, the prescription drug donut hole will disappear, and many preventative services for seniors are now free." (Source: Corrine Brown Website, <http://ow.ly/c21eu>)

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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:**

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.

### **Corrine Brown (Dem):**

[...]We must not balance the budget on the backs of children, the poor, the middle class, and seniors. My priorities include protecting Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and other safety net programs from any cuts[...]Additionally, we must continue to make investments in education, transportation, and clean energy[...]I oppose tax cuts on incomes over \$250,000 and large estates. Corporate tax loopholes, farm subsidies, oil subsidies and other tax expenditures are where I would start moving our budget towards the right balance. (Source: Corrine Brown official Website, <http://ow.ly/ccx6w>)

### **Gloreatha Scurry-Smith (Rep):**

Property rights and free markets are an integral component of what it means to be free. Glo Smith is 100% pro jobs: creating an opportunity of meaningful careers for all of those willing and able to work. This election you will have a unique opportunity to choose a leader with credentials to create professional prosperity and real economic development. (Source: Smith Campaign Site, <http://goo.gl/6hU2CS>)



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](http://aarp.org/yourvote).

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