



US House Florida District 7

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 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.

John L. Mica (Rep):

I believe that Social Security is a sacred trust between the government and its citizens and therefore benefits should not be reduced. In Congress, I will never support a reform plan that reduces benefits for people already retired and those nearing retirement. It is important too that we work to address funding shortfalls so that our nation's younger workers also have the promise of a full retirement[...] (Source: John Mica for Congress, <http://ow.ly/cwlk3>)

Wesley R. Neuman (Dem):

In Central Florida[...] nearly 100,000 people suffer a grossly unfair double tax. After paying into the system their entire lives, it is unfair and it is wrong to pay a second tax. Enacting this policy will mean retirees will no longer lose 10% or 25% or more of their incomes, which is why I would co-sponsor H.R. 3894, the Senior Citizens Tax Elimination Act[...] I look forward to working with all parties to find a long-term solution to the social security crisis we face[...] The US must ensure we honor our promise to look after today's workers, who are tomorrow's retirees. (Source: Wes Neuman Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/xxheq>)

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.

John L. Mica (Rep):

I am committed to our seniors and to those who rely on Medicare and Medicaid. I believe that Medicare is one of our nation's most important programs, and it is vital that we guarantee our seniors are able to receive affordable quality health care[...] Unfortunately, both suffer from mismanagement and rampant abuse, which contributes to the rising costs of health care in this country[...] I remain committed to ensuring that Medicare and Medicaid remain strong and solvent and will continue to work with my colleagues in both the House and the Senate to achieve this goal. (Source: John Mica for Congress, <http://ow.ly/cwlk3>)

Wesley R. Neuman (Dem):

The Congressional Budget Office reported that private plans increase Medicare Part D costs at least \$137 billion through 2022, because they do a poor job of negotiating discounts ("rebates") from drug manufacturers. I support negotiating prices to ensure taxpayers pay less. (Source: Wes Neuman Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/xxhi>)

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.

John L. Mica (Rep):

We must incentivize those that invest and those that create jobs. It is the private sector that can expand employment and reinvigorate the economy. It has been free enterprise and business that makes the country go and grow. These free market principles provide good paying jobs and then allows people to pay their taxes and be good citizens. We must find ways that promote that private sector activity and also to compete and win today in a global market. More regulations, more taxation and more meddling from Washington only depress positive economic growth. (Source: John Mica for Congress, <http://ow.ly/y6ixd>)

Wesley R. Neuman (Dem):

Women make up nearly half of the U.S. labor force – and 51% of the total population in Florida's 7th Congressional district – but are not paid fairly. Women should not get paid less than men, yet they suffer gaps in pay of 10, 20, or 30 cents or more per dollar. In Florida alone, women get paid 84 cents on the dollar compared to men. I find this totally inexcusable. I will advance policies to ensure equal pay for equal work, like S.84, the Paycheck Fairness Act. (Source: Wes Neuman Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/xxhoO>)



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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