



## US House Florida District 10

### **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.

### **Michael P. McKenna (Dem):**

I believe that all seniors should be able to retire with dignity. [...] I am committed to protecting and strengthening the Social Security system. I do not support an increase in retirement age. I do not support a Chained CPI. [...] I would consider: Increase Social Security taxes. [...] Lift the payroll tax cap. [...] Educating Americans on Social Security benefits needs to be conducted at much earlier stages in the game in order to make sure that future generations have a good grasp on how the system works and how they may be able to improve it themselves years down the road. (Source: Inter Theory, <http://ow.ly/xxk6V>)

### **Daniel A. Webster (Rep):**

I believe the people of Central Florida sent me to Congress for specific reasons – to balance the budget, stop tax increases, protect the Social Security Trust Fund, and stop wasteful spending. I will continue to fight for these priorities and uphold my promise to the voters. (Source: Webster Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/cnJ3Z>)

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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.

### **Michael P. McKenna (Dem):**

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

### **Daniel A. Webster (Rep):**

I have listened to seniors in Central Florida and have heard your concerns about Medicare. I supported a budget plan that would ease those concerns by protecting and preserving Medicare, while transforming the culture of spending in Washington. This responsible, long-term plan will save Medicare while keeping your taxes low and reducing government spending. The simple truth is this: if you are over the age of 54, your Medicare benefits will remain the same under this plan – they will not change in any way. (Source: Webster House Website, <http://ow.ly/cnIXm>)

## **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.

### **Michael P. McKenna (Dem):**

[...] We need to raise the minimum wage. [...] Many have stated \$11 dollars is a good start, however I do not agree with that number. By raising the minimum wage we definitely will help American families. Raising the minimum wage will hurt, for a brief time, the small business owners who are family run, not corporate. Sure Disney and others can afford to raise the wage to \$11 and be ok, but mom and pop businesses who are barely hanging on won't be able to do this. My plan for the minimum wage is a steady increase from \$9.50 in 2015, \$10.50 in 2016, \$11.75 in 2017 and \$13.00 in 2018. This is a plan that will work for all. (Source: Inter Theory, <http://ow.ly/xxk6V>)

### **Daniel A. Webster (Rep):**

Congress should focus on limiting taxes, reducing debt and minimizing regulation to strengthen the economy and create jobs... We cannot tax our way to prosperity, and we cannot continue to place heavy burdens on hardworking Americans without consequences. We need to keep taxes low so our small businesses can invest and create new jobs and so American taxpayers can keep more of their hard-earned money. We must improve the system to ensure that it is easy to understand and fair across the board. I strongly support eliminating loopholes and unfair incentives that heard middle-class families. (Source: Webster Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/cnJ3Z>)



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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