



## US House Florida District 11

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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.

### **David C. Koller (Dem):**

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

### **Richard B. Nugent (Rep):**

I believe in honor and integrity, because without it, we as a country are lost. That is how I view Social Security. At its most basic level, it is a promise – pure and simple. Hardworking men and women have spent their whole working lives paying into a system with the explicit guarantee that they would be made whole in the end. With over a quarter of a million seniors living in Florida's 5th District and most of them living on a fixed income, the promise of Social Security is sacrosanct. My commitment to seniors is unshakeable and my belief in keeping America's promise to them will not change. (Source: Congressman Richard Nugent House Website, <http://ow.ly/cnTDv>)

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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.

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Medicare was a landmark achievement that was dramatically improved on with the addition of Part D and Medicare Advantage. For the first time in Medicare, Seniors have real choice in both coverage and provider options. However, Medicare is under siege. The Administration has cut Medicare programs to pay for the massive government expansion we know as Obamacare. As your Representative, I will fight to protect Medicare from those who would dismantle it and make Medicare stronger for those already on it. (Source: Nugent for Congress, <http://ow.ly/cnTzU>)

## **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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### **Richard B. Nugent (Rep):**

I will not support any legislation that would raise taxes on hardworking Americans. Our tax code has become complicated, outdated, and riddled with loopholes. I will work to simplify the tax code so that all Americans can easily prepare their taxes, including small businesses. Small businesses are the job creators and I will do everything in my power to encourage entrepreneurship and bring jobs to the Fifth Congressional District. (Source: Nugent for Congress, <http://ow.ly/cnT1a>)



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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