



US House Florida District 12

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.

Gus M. Bilirakis (Rep):

Gus is working hard to ensure that Florida's seniors have peace of mind. Gus believes that we must protect Medicare and Social Security for current beneficiaries and future generations and voted to stop scheduled Medicare premium increases. (Source: Gus Bilirakis for Congress, <http://ow.ly/cuHno>)

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.

Gus M. Bilirakis (Rep):

"If families across Florida have to tighten their belts, Washington must do the same. Ignoring runaway deficits and out-of-control spending is not an option," Bilirakis said. "This budget proposal begins to put our nation back on a responsible fiscal and economic path, while preserving the promises made to seniors and protecting those who have paid into Medicare and are on or near retirement. Make no mistake, those who are 55 years or older would see no changes to Medicare whatsoever." (Source: Vote Smart, <http://ow.ly/y6kF1>)

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.

Gus M. Bilirakis (Rep):

A balanced budget amendment would encourage Washington to restrain the unchecked growth in federal spending, force the American government to live within its means and separate lawmakers from the political incentives that spur them to deficit-spend. It will help Washington start living within its means just like American families must do. It would limit federal expenditures and require a two-thirds vote in both chambers of Congress to run a deficit. This high threshold would restrict Washington from promising taxpayer money it does not have. The same supermajority would be needed to enact any tax increase... (Source: Tampa Bay Online, <http://ow.ly/cuGsQ>)



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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