



US House Florida District 14

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.

Kathy Castor (Dem):

"Social security is a fundamental promise to Americans that no matter what happens in our lives, we will have security and stability, [...] Recent calls to privatize Social Security or use the trust fund to balance the budget deficit will meet with stiff resistance from me [...] We must keep Social Security strong and fight against efforts to privatize or cut this vital lifeline," Castor said. "Social Security has survived good economic times and bad. Without a doubt, we must fight to make sure Social Security remains sound and stable for our children and grandchildren." (Source: Congresswoman Kathy Castor official website, <http://ow.ly/cgX4l>)

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.

Kathy Castor (Dem):

Our parents, grandparents and neighbors throughout the Tampa Bay area and across America will see their Medicare coverage improve when landmark health reform passes [...] Contrary to opposing claims, not one guaranteed Medicare benefit is cut [...] Despite all of the scare tactics used during the health reform debate, Medicare will be stronger. Benefits for our parents, grandparents and neighbors will improve [...] we will build upon the legacies of Social Security and Medicare and strengthen our fundamental commitment to older Americans, their families and their health. (Source: Congresswoman Kathy Castor official website, <http://ow.ly/cgXVU>)

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.

Kathy Castor (Dem):

"The Recovery Act is making a significant difference in the lives of Floridians by putting on neighbors back to work and building a new foundation for long-term economic growth." Castor said. "While the unemployment rate is improving in the Tampa Bay region, I am not satisfied. We must continue to prime the small-business pump so we keep the recovery alive." (Source: Congresswoman Kathy Castor official website, <http://ow.ly/cuERF>)



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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