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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.

William E. Bronson (Dem):

Resist [...] attempts to "privatize" social security, and Medicare/Medicaid. Support universal single payer health insurance that encourages preventative health measures and alternative medicine. (Source: William Bronson for Congress, <http://ow.ly/cuhLU>)

Tom J. Rooney (Rep):

Congressman Rooney believes that Social Security and Medicare are critical programs for America's seniors. He is working to protect benefits for retirees while saving these important programs for future generations. Congressman Rooney has made clear that he will not support any changes to these programs that would affect current retirees or near-retirees (Americans aged 55 and older). He firmly believes Congress has an obligation to uphold their contracts with America's seniors. (Source: Congressman Tom Rooney official Website, <http://ow.ly/y6poG>)

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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Tom J. Rooney (Rep):

Tom is not afraid to tackle tough issues and promote real reform to put our country on a responsible, sustainable path. He has supported proposals that will save Medicare for future generations, without making any changes to benefits for Americans who are 55 or older. For younger Americans, he has supported a bipartisan approach that would give the next generation of seniors a choice between traditional Medicare plans and plans like Members of Congress enjoy. (Source: Tom Rooney for Congress, <http://ow.ly/cudOS>)

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.

William E. Bronson (Dem):

At a time when so many are un-employed or under-employed, we need government investment in our country that will put people back to work, even if it results in a temporary unbalanced budget. We must grow out of our current situation. There are plenty of projects to focus on: infrastructure improvements, energy network for green power sources such as wind, solar, small hydro-generating plants, wave action generators, hydrogen fuel research, efficient rail transportation, etc. What we don't need is another war which cost us \$3 trillion and creates nothing but hatred and destruction even though it employs many. (Source: William Bronson for Congress, <http://ow.ly/cuh8j>)

Tom J. Rooney (Rep):

Tom realizes that tax increases are not the solution to Washington's overspending problem. He has strongly opposed efforts[...]to increase taxes on American families, small businesses and farms. The solution to Washington's spending problem is to cut spending, and Tom has consistently voted to cut spending significantly and immediately. He will continue working to reduce the size and scope of the federal government[...] (Source: Tom Rooney for Congress, <http://ow.ly/cudOS>)



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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