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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.

Jay A. Bonner (Rep):

America is at its best when it respects its seniors. Our leaders in Washington are trying to gut the programs our seniors need. I promise to oppose cuts and save our seniors. (Jay Bonner's Congressional Website, <http://ow.ly/xxoGB>)

Alcee L. Hastings (Dem):

...Social Security's challenges are manageable. We need a responsible plan to make sure that all Americans are guaranteed a secure retirement without cuts in benefits. Serious investment in the Social Security system is needed to ensure its future viability...Together with my colleagues in Congress, I will continue working hard to oppose any cuts to Social Security benefits, efforts to raise the retirement age, and privatization. Furthermore, I firmly oppose any future recommendations from the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform to cut Social Security or diminish it in any way... (Source: Congressman Alcee Hastings official Website, <http://ow.ly/cnz2w>)

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.

Jay A. Bonner (Rep):

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

Alcee L. Hastings (Dem):

"My fellow Democrats and I remain committed to the future of Medicare. In fact, the Affordable Care Act increases the solvency of the program by eight years. As stewards of this bedrock promise, we cannot allow shortsighted priorities to shortchange our seniors... We must balance short-term deficit spending for economic recovery with a commitment to restoring fiscal discipline in the long-term, not shift the cost of health care to seniors and other vulnerable communities... (Source: Congressman Alcee Hastings official Website, <http://ow.ly/cnzOp>)

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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Alcee L. Hastings (Dem):

...Lawmakers and citizens alike ought to be mindful of the ways in which the government spends money. Wasteful spending should be eliminated, and all Members of Congress should take seriously their responsibility to carefully guard the national treasury. We have critical needs in this country. Tax breaks for the rich isn't one of them. From crumbling infrastructure to renewable energy development, and unemployment insurance for struggling Americans to much-needed reforms in our education system, we must prioritize federal spending where it will do the most good... (Source: Congressman Alcee Hastings official Website, <http://ow.ly/cnALD>)



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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