



US House Florida District 21

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.

Ted Deutch (Dem):

The hard work of today's retirees is largely responsible for making America the most powerful economy in the world, and these men and women deserve the opportunity to enjoy a retirement of dignity and self-sufficiency[...]I have reintroduced legislation to extend Social Security's solvency and ensure adequate cost of living adjustments for seniors - without cutting benefits for raising the retirement age[...] (Source: Deutch Congressional Site, <http://ow.ly/cr868>)

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.

Ted Deutch (Dem):

A central priority of mine [...] is the enforcement of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, which contains several provisions that will improve Medicare benefits for seniors [...] the law provides seniors in the donut hole with 50 percent discount on brand name medications and over the next decade, this coverage gap will be completely phased out. In addition, the Affordable Care Act authorizes Medicare to provide annual check-ups and many routine screenings to Medicare patients free of charge. The bill also increases payments to primary care doctors and general surgeons who treat Medicare patients[...] (Source: Deutch House Site, <http://ow.ly/cr868>)

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.

Ted Deutch (Dem):

Our economy is still pulling out of a devastating downturn that has left many Americans struggling. Expert analysis indicates that cutting spending too quickly would disrupt the fragile recovery, while going too slowly could make the problem harder to solve. That's why the Democratic budget reduces deficits gradually, leading to a marked drop in the growth in debt relative to the economy, and reaching primary balance by 2018, all the while protecting the well-being of our citizens and making investments that are essential for the future[...] (Source: Deutch Congressional Site, <http://ow.ly/cr9B8>)



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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