



# **US House Georgia District 2**

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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.

### Sanford D. Bishop Jr. (Dem):

Social Security has been one of the most revolutionary and successful programs in the history of government[...] steps need to be taken to ensure that future generations receive the benefits they work for [...] we must not dismantle this program. I do not oppose privatization because[...]retirement security[...]is too important to politicize[...]I oppose privatization because it is a bad plan[...]privatization...would cut Social Security benefits; because it would add trillions of dollars to our national debt and because it would put the future of millions of Americans at risk. (Source: Rep. Bishop's Congressional Website, http://ow.ly/xxypd)

### **Gregory P. Duke (Rep):**

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## **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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# **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.

### Sanford D. Bishop Jr. (Dem):

There should be more opportunities and incentives for Americans to save for their retirement and financial security. Freedom from age discrimination is a fundamental right. Promoting affordable home ownership and safeguarding home equity are important to maintain and improve the independence and quality of life of Americans age 50-plus (Source: The Political guide, http://ow.ly/xxyvS)

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I believe strongly in: [...], tax cuts across the board, less bureaucracy, [...], support for business, industry, and agriculture. (Source: Duke Campaign Website, http://ow.ly/ybyfx)



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.

To find out more about these issues and voting information, please visit **aarp.org/yourvote**.

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