



## US House Georgia District 4

### **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.

### **Hank C. Johnson Jr. (Dem):**

Social Security will be solvent through 2037. Those who advocate making huge cuts to Social Security to balance the budget are misguided. Social Security is an essential social safety net, providing critical income to more 53 million retirees, workers with disabilities, spouses and their children. Congress must not balance the budget on the backs of our seniors. We must find creative ways to cut spending and increase revenues over coming decades. But a civilized nation does not balance its budgets by abandoning seniors. (Source: Rep. Johnson's Congressional Website, <http://ow.ly/xxyOp>)

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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.

### **Hank C. Johnson Jr. (Dem):**

Too many doctors are continuing to close their doors to Medicare patients because Medicare continues to cut reimbursements. Hank understand how important it is to see the doctor of your choice, and that is why he voted for legislation to fix the broken formula, which cuts doctors payments and makes it harder for seniors to see their doctor. Congress must make this issue a priority. (Source: Rep. Johnson's Congressional Website, <http://ow.ly/xxyOp>)

## **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.

### **Hank C. Johnson Jr. (Dem):**

The federal government has to support retraining and continuing education programs so older workers can adapt in a rapidly changing global economy. Congress also needs to strengthen the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, which was recently weakened by the Supreme Court, to protect older workers and job applicants from discrimination. Hank's Fair Employment Act of 2011 would also address discrimination against older workers. (Source: Rep. Johnson's Congressional Website, <http://ow.ly/xxyOp>)



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](http://aarp.org/yourvote).

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