



US House Georgia District 5

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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AARP is committed to helping you get the facts you need to choose candidates who reflect your views and values. We are nonpartisan – we don't support or oppose any political candidates or contribute any money to campaigns or political action committees. Our priority is ensuring you know where the candidates stand before you cast your vote.



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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.

John R. Lewis (Dem):

People are being lulled into believing that Social Security will not be there for the younger generations. This is not true. Not only will Social Security survive, it will thrive. The people saying Social Security will not survive, are those who are proposing cutting benefits and privatizing the system. Social Security is a guaranteed benefit earned over a lifetime. I have fought against those who would make cuts to Social Security or gamble that security in the stock market. I will continue to do my part to uphold this trust for generations yet to come. (Source: Rep. Lewis' Congressional Website, <http://ow.ly/xxzou>)

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.

John R. Lewis (Dem):

I am fighting to ensure that Medicare and Medicaid remain strong for our seniors[...] We[...]cannot break that commitment of healthcare for the most vulnerable among us and I will not allow our budget to be balanced on the backs of people who can least afford it. I am working with my colleagues to ensure that these programs are stronger and more efficient and to strengthen TRICARE for our brave men and women in uniform. I am committed to ensuring that physicians who serve Medicare, Medicaid and TRICARE patients are reimbursed fairly. (Source: Rep. Lewis' Congressional Website, <http://ow.ly/xxzou>)

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.

John R. Lewis (Dem):

From the beginning of the economic crisis, I have worked on three priorities: Creating livable wage jobs in Metro Atlanta; Protecting the unemployed; and Helping to grow and protect assets and small business. I have long supported legislation to create an additional tier of emergency unemployment benefits and provide a long-term extension of emergency benefits. I assisted in efforts to fight discrimination against the long-term unemployed. (Source: Rep. Lewis' Congressional Website, <http://ow.ly/xxzbr>)



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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