



## US House Georgia District 8

### **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.

### **Austin Scott (Rep):**

We must[...]preserve, protect and strengthen the system for current retirees as well as future generations[...]the first step to solving Social Security's problems is to get spending under control and the economy back on track[...]both parties should forge meaningful, bipartisan reform for the Social Security system that protects the promise of Social Security for generations to come. We have an obligation to protect Social Security for Americans at or near retirement who have paid into the system while also preserving the system for our children and grandchildren. (Source: Rep. Scott's Congressional Website, <http://ow.ly/xxBf1>)

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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.

### **Austin Scott (Rep):**

Mandatory spending on Medicare and Medicaid will quickly overtake the budget and endanger the entire system. The Republican budget sets out a plan that will save Medicare from this fate. Under the Republican plan, Americans[...]55 years or older will see no changes in their Medicare coverage. In the future, beneficiaries will receive a premium subsidy from the government to purchase a Medicare-approved health plan of their choice... the rate of growth will slow in order to preserve this program for future generations. (Source: Rep. Scott's Congressional Website, <http://ow.ly/xxBon>)

## **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.

### **Austin Scott (Rep):**

As a small business owner, I have spent countless hours and thousands of dollars a year seeking to comply with our complicated tax code. No American should have to go through the time and expense that our current tax code requires. I believe we need to scrap the current income tax code and replace it with a flatter, fairer income tax structure.

With our economy recovering from this economic downturn, many Americans are having to make hard financial choices. Now is the time to implement comprehensive reforms that will bring tax relief to working families. (Source: Rep. Scott's Congressional Website, <http://ow.ly/yVhdm>)



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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