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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.

David P. Crowley (Rep):

He favors an incremental approach to overhauling Social Security. He said the retirement age should be pushed back, slowly. But people who have already paid into the system for years and who are now approaching the age to collect Social Security shouldn't have to accept any changes. "The people who paid into it have to be taken care of," he said. Younger generations, "they have to begin to realize this whole Social Security pie may not be available. Once the expectation level is changed, the people will accept it." (Source: West Hawaii Today, <http://ow.ly/yoMrx>)

Tulsi Gabbard (Dem):

"Budgets in Congress demonstrate our top priorities for the country, and should be responsive to our tough economic realities," said Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard. "The draconian cuts to key programs like Medicare, Social Security, and nutrition assistance found in the Ryan budget, along with a likely increase in taxes for hard-working middle-class Americans in order to lower taxes for the ultra-wealthy, are not acceptable and result in hurting our kupuna and families." (Source: Gabbard Congressional site, <http://goo.gl/734kpZ>)

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.

David P. Crowley (Rep):

While he's supportive of increasing Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements to Hawaii doctors, "that's like putting a Band-Aid on a cancer sore," he said. He advocates a total tort reform. Doctors are paying too much for insurance because lawyers are seeking out the smallest mistakes doctors make and filing large lawsuits. (Source: West Hawaii Today, <http://ow.ly/yoMrx>)

Tulsi Gabbard (Dem):

"Unfortunately, big insurance companies and pharmaceutical companies had significant influence throughout the drafting of legislation. The Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003, for example, gave mega-pharmaceutical companies a blank check by restricting the government's ability to negotiate group rates for prescription drugs. That is unacceptable." (Source: Gabbard Congressional site, <http://goo.gl/x6eCXy>)

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.

David P. Crowley (Rep):

I will introduce legislation cutting the Corporate Tax rate down to a stunning 18% or even 16%. Critical times require critical measures. I can guarantee anyone that in almost a heart beat corporations will return to America. Foreign corporations will immediately invest into America, and we will have an economic explosion like never before. Our unemployment rate would plummet to between 1 to 2%, the lowest in the world. Also I will introduce legislation calling for a goal for Hawaii to be 90% Self Sufficient by 2025... Give incentives for Ag start-ups across the state, thereby increasing jobs in that sector by the thousands. (Source: Civil Beat, <http://ow.ly/yoOKM>)

Tulsi Gabbard (Dem):

In order to encourage job creation and economic growth, I have supported efforts like the Main Street Revival Act (H.R. 954), which allows small businesses to defer payment of payroll taxes for one year after they hire their first employee and gives start-ups an opportunity to grow. (Source: Gabbard Congressional Site, <http://ow.ly/y8rHI>)



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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