



US House Idaho District 1

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.

HAVING TROUBLE CUTTING THROUGH THE POLITICAL CAMPAIGN CLUTTER?

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.

Raul R. Labrador (Rep):

I also believe we must reform our entitlement programs. Entitlement spending is the fastest growing driver of government spending, and both Medicare and Social Security are heading toward bankruptcy. If left unchanged, the programs will cease to adequately serve those who depend on them or cease to exist altogether. If we reform entitlement spending now, cuts to these programs might not be necessary later. Everything should be on the table when we are discussing the need to rescue our country from fiscal ruin. There should be no sacred cows. (Source: The Voter Guide, <http://ow.ly/xjE67>)

Shirley G. Ringo (Dem):

We must secure Social Security benefits for future generations, (Source: The Voter Guide, <http://ow.ly/xjE67>)

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.

Raul R. Labrador (Rep):

For those who are 65 years old and older, the system needs to keep its promise and give those seniors Medicare. However, those who are not eligible yet may have to wait a little longer to receive it. (Source: Argus Observer/Labrador's Campaign Site, <http://ow.ly/xjHBH>)

Shirley G. Ringo (Dem):

AARP did extensive research but was unable to find any public statement on this issue by July 11, 2014.

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.

Raul R. Labrador (Rep):

"If we get the federal government out of Idaho, it will create more jobs," he said. "The state can do a much better job than the federal government can do." (Source: The Washington Times, <http://ow.ly/xljof>)

Shirley G. Ringo (Dem):

We need economic policies that reward work, that make family-wage jobs possible in every corner of the country – especially our beautiful little corner of paradise. We need a health care policy, an immigration policy, an education policy, a veterans' policy, a trade policy, and a tax policy that brings people together, builds the great American middle class, and looks to the future. (Source: Ringo Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/yc100>)



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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