



## US House Illinois 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.

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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.

### **Bobby L. Rush (Dem):**

We cannot compromise the benefits to the most vulnerable in our society," said Rush. "Social Security is a vital program that supports the disabled and seniors. Cuts to these programs will have a devastating impact to individuals who rely on Social Security benefits to live from day to day. It is our job as Members of Congress to protect the economic security to generations of Americans through benefits earned based on contributions made over a worker's lifetime. (Source: Rush Congressional Site <http://ow.ly/xlBuf>)

### **Jimmy L. Tillman II (Rep):**

By eliminating waste in government we will be able to fund medicare medicaid no i do not support the Independent payment Advisory Board (Source: Chicago Tribune <http://ow.ly/xlHGx>)

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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.

### **Bobby L. Rush (Dem):**

I did not support the idea of creating The Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB), to curb rising Medicare spending if per beneficiary growth in that spending exceeds target growth rates. I still do not. Although the intention is commendable, I do not believe that oversight should be given to an independent entity...It is important that Congress keeps the legislative authority and responsibility to make sure that our patients come first and that we can hold the administration accountable. (Source: Chicago Tribune Website; <http://ow.ly/zNVyv>)

### **Jimmy L. Tillman II (Rep):**

I do support the extension of the payroll taxes add a half cent raise on the sale tax to pay for it no I would not raised the social security payroll tax no I would not change the age no i would not change the benefit formula I wold just change how its funded (Source: Chicago Tribune <http://ow.ly/xlHGx>)

## **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.

### **Bobby L. Rush (Dem):**

While we must address our government's deficit spending it cannot be done on the backs of hardworking Americans who at this critical time need lower taxes, consumer protection, and the ability to obtain fair financing to keep their homes and grow small businesses. (Source: Congressman Bobby Rush's Website; <http://goo.gl/SrCi8A>)

### **Jimmy L. Tillman II (Rep):**

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



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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