



US House Illinois 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.

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.

Vince Kolber (R):

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

Mike Quigley (Dem):

There has to be a realization there are no sacred cows. I voted against plans to go after Social Security and Medicare, because I thought there was tweaking there that could keep those programs alive for a long time. What both sides need to recognize is the deity to the tea party forks, is president Reagan. He rose the debt ceiling 18 times, raised taxes 11. He worked with my predecessors to save social security. (Source: Quigley Congressional Site, <http://ow.ly/xmFWV>)

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.

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Mike Quigley (Dem):

Mike opposes any effort to privatize Medicare. As part of his Reinventing Federal Government study, he proposed several long term steps that can be taken to shore up Medicare and ensure the long term viability of the program. He has also cosponsored legislation to allow price negotiation in the Medicare prescription drug program, and legislation to increase transparency and combat fraud in Medicare. (Source: Quigley Campaign Site, <http://ow.ly/xmCFB>)

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.

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Mike Quigley (Dem):

Mike helped bring over \$1.6 billion dollars to Illinois to help develop Chicago as a regional High Speed Rail Hub, \$1.5 million to build the Chicago Transit Authority's planned Circle Line, and \$8 million for Metra commuter rail extensions. He also helped secure a \$100 million TIGER grant for the Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency (CREATE) project, a comprehensive vision for the future transportation and development needs of the Chicago region which will support an estimated 1,087 jobs. (Source: Mike Quigley for Congress, <http://ow.ly/cvtrF>)



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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