



US House Illinois District 9

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.

Susanne Atanus (Rep):

I would not cut food stamps or Social Security or Medicare (Source: Chicago Tribune <http://ow.ly/xp5JZ>)

Jan D. Schakowsky (Dem):

Older Americans have spent many years working to raise families, pay their taxes, protect our country and build our communities. They have the right to the benefits that they have earned and to know that they will have the resources they need in retirement. That is why I so strongly oppose efforts to privatize Social Security[...] We can ensure the longevity of these programs by making them more efficient. We do not need to cut benefits. (Source: Schakowsky's Congressional Site <http://ow.ly/xp2kt>)

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.

Susanne Atanus (Rep):

The population is increasing and so are the benefits and services to our citizens for both programs. Both programs will be funded to maintain them and to provide Medicare and Social Security to our citizens. (Source: Chicago Tribune <http://ow.ly/xp5TT>)

Jan D. Schakowsky (Dem):

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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.

Susanne Atanus (Rep):

I am the only candidate that will increase income, create jobs, generate government revenue and do this with daily positive returns from stocks from corporations and banks, and not raise taxes! Also, with more government revenue from daily positive returns from stocks, this will stop raising property taxes, other taxes and new taxes. 20-25 % of this revenue will go to local and state government to get out of budget and pension deficits. I am concerned about everyone's wellbeing and that they are doing economically well. Everyone needs to be able to obtain daily positive returns from stocks from corporations and banks. (Source: Chicago Tribune, <http://ow.ly/yc6uR>)

Jan D. Schakowsky (Dem):

First, we should stop using taxpayer dollars to subsidize companies that outsource American jobs and use overseas tax shelters to avoid taxation...Second, we need to put people back to work by repairing and improving our infrastructure...Third, we need to create 21st century jobs. I am working with businesses, educators, representatives of our national labs and local officials to expand innovation – like that seen at the Skokie Science and Technology Park. (Source: Chicago Tribune Website; <http://ow.ly/cvvr5>)



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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