



US House Illinois District 10

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.

Robert J. Dold Jr. (Rep):

I am committed to working across the aisle to preserve Social Security so that our children and grandchildren can share in Social Security's promise when they retire, while ensuring those currently 55 and older will see no changes... In 2010 and 2011, Social Security actually paid out more in benefits than it took in, and by 2036, the Social Security trust fund is expected to be insolvent. This means that if we want to ensure that future beneficiaries will not receive dramatically less in benefits, we must find an alternative to the failing status quo currently scheduled. (Source: Chicago Tribune, <http://ow.ly/zFahs>)

Bradley S. Schneider (Dem):

I (Congressman Schneider) am thus committed to protecting and enhancing Social Security... for this and future generations, and will work to fend off efforts to dismantle the basic structure of these programs. While I recognize that we need to address our fiscal challenges, it is paramount that we fulfill the promise made to our seniors... Congressman Schneider cosponsored the Social Security Fairness Act to repeal the government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions that unfairly burden those who devoted careers to public service. (Source: Schneider's Congressional Site <http://ow.ly/xp7U4>)

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.

Robert J. Dold Jr. (Rep):

Medicare is a vital program, and I do not support any changes that would impact those 55 and older. I believe we can do more to eliminate corruption and waste in Medicare. To take steps in that direction, I cosponsored the Medicare Common Access Card Act, which is bipartisan legislation to secure and verify the identities of both Medicare beneficiaries and providers. It is estimated this could save over \$60 billion. (Source: Chicago-Tribune, <http://ow.ly/zFahs>)

Bradley S. Schneider (Dem):

Congressman Schneider sent a letter to Speaker Boehner and Minority Leader Pelosi opposing any proposals that would weaken the Medicare Part D program and increase premiums... Congressman Schneider cosponsored the Improving Access to Medicare Coverage Act, which would make it easier for Medicare patients to qualify for coverage of skilled nursing facility care. Congressman Schneider voted against the Ryan Budget, which would have ended the Medicare guarantee and moved the program to a voucher system that could increase out-of-pocket costs for seniors. (Source: Schneider's Congressional Site <http://ow.ly/xp7U4>)

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.

Robert J. Dold Jr. (Rep):

I am a small business owner, and I know what this crushing Federal debt does to small businesses all across our Nation and to job creators as well. It reduces certainty and stability, it scares away private sector investment that leads to growth for our economy, and it crushes the hopes of job creation. (Source: House Floor Speech, <http://ow.ly/zFbw5>)

Bradley S. Schneider (Dem):

Congressman Schneider introduced the LEARN Act to expand On-the-Job training programs. On-the-Job training programs are some of the best, most effective and proven methods of job training. These highly-successful training programs match employers with a jobseeker and split the cost of training through a public-private partnership. (Source: Schneider's Congressional Site <http://ow.ly/xp8Iv>)



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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