



US House Illinois District 13

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.

Ann E. Callis (Dem):

I have made it clear from the very start of my campaign that I will protect Social Security and Medicare for seniors and not accept any deals that include cuts to benefits. Growing up I saw first-hand the importance of Social Security as my grandparents depended on the program. I will stand up the thousands of families in our district that rely on Social Security and fight against efforts to privatize the program or cut hard-earned benefits. (Source: State-Journal Register, <http://ow.ly/zAWhm> and Callis for Illinois, <http://ow.ly/zAWd7>)

Rodney L. Davis (Rep):

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates Social Security will be exhausted by 2040. In 1950, there were 16 contributors for every one recipient and now there are only 2.9 contributors for every one recipient. Simple math tells you this path is unsustainable. We must find a solution now to ensure it's available for our children and grandchild. (Source: Davis Congressional Site <http://ow.ly/xqWwS>)

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.

Ann E. Callis (Dem):

Ann Callis opposes any changes to Medicare and Social Security that affect current or future beneficiaries. Generations of workers have paid into the system and earned their benefits, and they deserve what they've been promised. Proposals to privatize Social Security and turn Medicare into a voucher program are reckless and Ann Callis will oppose any efforts to jeopardize either program. Instead, she supports efforts to crack down on fraud, waste and abuse to find efficiencies that will save money. (Source: Ann Callis Campaign Site, <http://ow.ly/xqYk8>)

Rodney L. Davis (Rep):

Medicare is a social contract that we have with our seniors that helps them cover rising medical costs. In 2010, Medicare beneficiaries reached 47 million costing an estimated \$521 billion with a projected growth rate that is twice that of the economy. The CBO estimates that by 2020, Medicare spending will surpass \$1 trillion. Medicare trustees have warned us that on its current path, Medicare will be exhausted within the next 20 years. If we do not make improvements to this program that protects our seniors now, it will not be there to protect all of the hardworking Americans who are relying on it for their future. (Source: Davis Congressional Site <http://ow.ly/xqWwS>)

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.

Ann E. Callis (Dem):

Judge Callis believes Washington's top priority must be to create good jobs that will keep our middle class strong. Congress should be working to create an environment where small businesses can grow and thrive, not making ill-conceived cuts that hamper our fragile economic recovery. From the Mississippi to Decatur to Champaign, we need to do more to support our colleges and universities that can be job incubators and link labor with local business leaders to identify critical skill-set needed to help re-train workers for the local jobs of the future. (Source: Ann Callis Campaign Site, <http://ow.ly/xqYk8>)

Rodney L. Davis (Rep):

As I travel around the 13th District, jobs is the number one issue on the minds of mothers and fathers trying to support their families, recent college graduates trying to start their first career, high school kids looking for a part-time job and seniors who need some extra money just to get by. Creating an environment of certainty where businesses can afford to take a risk and expand their payroll is something I am focused on with nearly every bill I cosponsor and vote I take in the House. Including bills and efforts to rein in government overregulation, increase domestic energy production and support building our nation's infrastructure. (Source: Davis Congressional Site <http://ow.ly/xqXQh>)



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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