



US House Illinois District 14

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.

Dennis Anderson (Dem):

I will fight against any proposal to privatize Social Security, which would divert dollars to the for-profit sector, increasing the cost to program participants. I will also fight against changes in the benefit formula that decrease program benefits, and against changes in the retirement age. (Source: Anderson's Campaign Site, <http://ow.ly/xre3g>)

Randy M. Hultgren (Rep):

I strongly oppose any change in Social Security benefits. Social Security is a promise we've made to generations that have paid into it. Contrary to popular belief, Social Security is not responsible for the strain on the federal budget. Between now and 2035, Social Security spending is projected to increase by a mere 1.2 percentage point share of GDP; the growth in Medicare and Medicaid spending is projected to be four times larger... By ending wasteful and inappropriate spending, and reforming the tax code to improve the climate for economic growth, we can continue to ensure the long-term solvency of Social Security. (Source: Chicago Tribune, <http://ow.ly/xr61n>)

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.

Dennis Anderson (Dem):

Similarly, and for the same reasons, proposals to turn Medicare into a voucher system must be rejected. (Source: Anderson's Campaign Site, <http://ow.ly/xre3g>)

Randy M. Hultgren (Rep):

We can control the growing cost of Medicare/Medicaid by controlling the cost of health care. Republicans failed to address the rising cost of health care when they were in control of Congress, and unfortunately Democrats pursued an ideological agenda to grow government that has only further increased the cost of health care, rather than address the core issues... (Source: Chicago Tribune, <http://ow.ly/xr61n>)

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.

Dennis Anderson (Dem):

I will work to foster public-private partnerships to create jobs in areas of high unemployment. Rather than continuing to subsidize enormously profitable industries, we should shift those resources to increase small business access to credit and grants and support the development of new technologies and businesses. Companies that offshore jobs or profits should be penalized, not rewarded with tax advantages[...](Source: Anderson's Campaign, Site <http://goo.gl/c5Nv9K>)

Randy M. Hultgren (Rep):

I support reducing the regulatory burden on businesses. Senseless regulations are costly. The more money businesses must spend to comply with government mandates, the less they have to reinvest and hire workers. We need to restore commonsense regulations back into the workplace favor gaining control of and reducing federal spending. American families have to live within their means. The federal government should as well. (Source: Hultgren's Congressional Site, <http://ow.ly/xrcK7>)



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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