



## US House Illinois District 16

### **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.

### **Adam D. Kinzinger (Rep):**

We need to ensure that promises made are promises kept to our seniors. I do not support privatizing Social Security. I do not support increasing the payroll tax nor the retirement age. It is absolutely wrong to change the rules on seniors when many are living paycheck to paycheck. (Source: Votesmart.org, <http://goo.gl/3PzKD8>)

### **Randall W. Olsen (Dem):**

Sen. Bernie Sanders has suggested a simple and easy fix to fund Social Security and Medicare through the year 2086. It involves removing the tax cap enjoyed by people making over \$109,000 per year. It doesn't have to be totally open-ended, but right now, anyone making \$500,000 per year, pays the same tax rate as someone making \$109,000/year. You could actually set the cap pretty much anywhere, say at \$500,000 or just remove it altogether. (Source: Olsen Facebook Page, <http://goo.gl/b7VfkZ>)

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## **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.

### **Adam D. Kinzinger (Rep):**

I support reducing waste in Medicare by changing how Medicare investigates and controls fraud. [...] But we shouldn't stop there. Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR) and Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI) have offered a bipartisan plan that would give seniors an option to enroll in a Medicare-approved private plan that would compete against the traditional Medicare plan. As Medicare Part D has demonstrated, this approach encourages plans to provide high-quality care more efficiently through private market competition. I support this bipartisan proposal. (Source: Chicago Tribune, <http://goo.gl/T62GCY>)

### **Randall W. Olsen (Dem):**

I'm Randall Olsen. I'm running for Congress because I don't want Medicare and Social Security to be privatized [...] (Source: Olsen Youtube Video, <http://ow.ly/ycb3B>)

## **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.

### **Adam D. Kinzinger (Rep):**

My first priority as your Congressman is to fight for our nation's job creators and get America back to work. Small businesses drive the American economy, creating 7 out of every 10 jobs[...] From health care mandates on businesses and families to duplicative regulations on job-creators and energy producers, there is too much government in our lives. This excessive red-tape acts as a dead-weight on growth and weakens the U.S. globally. We need to do more than just scale back government; we need to completely rethink our government and reform our bureaucracy to one that works for Americans in a 21st century economy. (Kinzinger Congressional Site, <http://goo.gl/uWvovD>)

### **Randall W. Olsen (Dem):**

There is a jobs bill in Congress that the Republican majority will not let come to a vote. The jobs bill will help all Americans and the economy as well. We need to bring outsourced jobs back to American soil. Do we provide incentives to bring them back? We certainly should end all incentives to move jobs from American soil, and, possibly, tariffs on products that moved from American soil and now depend on American buyers for their product. (Source: Olson Campaign Site, <http://goo.gl/ztbkqu>)



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.

To find out more about these issues and voting information, please visit [aarp.org/yourvote](http://aarp.org/yourvote).

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