



US House Illinois District 17

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.

Cheri L. Bustos (Dem):

I strongly oppose the privatization of Social Security or any other attempt to cut guaranteed benefits. Social Security is a critically important bedrock of retirement for so many seniors in our region and I will fight to protect and preserve it. (Source: Busto's Congressional Site, <http://goo.gl/kgaoCC>)

Bobby T. Schilling (Rep):

I oppose the government's constant raiding of the Social Security trust fund. I believe that we must look at bipartisan reform to keep Social Security solvent and protected for current seniors and for future retirees. As part of that reform, I will oppose any changes to benefits for those 55 years of age and older. (Source: Schilling Campaign Site, <http://goo.gl/8hkH6L>)

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.

Cheri L. Bustos (Dem):

Medicare has been a solemn promise our country has made to our seniors for generations: work hard, pay your taxes and we will ensure the health care you've earned is there for you when you need it most. I will fight to keep that promise for both current and future generations. To ensure Medicare's long-term financial stability, I support the implementation of common sense reforms like switching to electronic medical records to lower costs and better coordinate services. I believe it is important to use Medicare's negotiating power to get better prices, especially regarding prescription drug costs. (Source: Busto's Congressional Site, <http://goo.gl/kgaoCC>)

Bobby T. Schilling (Rep):

I'm frustrated by the cuts to Medicare found in the Affordable Care Act. Seniors are facing more than \$700 billion in cuts to their Medicare benefits, and the Medicare Advantage program was absolutely gutted—more than 7 million seniors will lose their Medicare Advantage plans in the next three years. This needs to be reversed. I also want to address the significant problem of Medicare fraud. Rep. Peter Roskam introduced a great bill in the 111th Congress, H.R. 5546, which would establish fraud protections that could save American taxpayers more than \$100 billion over the next decade. (Source: Schilling Campaign Site, <http://goo.gl/r3Zicz>)

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.

Cheri L. Bustos (Dem):

Small businesses are the drivers of job growth and the bedrock of our communities and I will fight for proposals that strengthen and allow small businesses to thrive. I support a permanent extension of the research and development tax credit. Additionally, regulations for small businesses with less than 100 employees should be examined to eliminate unnecessary, onerous rules that inhibit innovation and stifle growth. (Source: Bustos's Congressional Site, <http://goo.gl/n9Zi5D>)

Bobby T. Schilling (Rep):

I strongly believe that we should make every effort to keep jobs here in the United States. The best way to do that is to create a positive, predictable business environment that rewards economic growth, private investment and job creation. We need to take back our government with low taxes, less spending, and limited government. (Source: Illections.com, <http://goo.gl/nUUoIB>)



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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