



US House Illinois District 18

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.

Darrel Miller (Dem):

Relatively small changes now (raise the caps, slow benefit growth for the more affluent, establish a minimum flat level of benefit to protect all seniors from poverty in retirement) will extend Social Security considerably. Congress knows someone will have to do something, eventually. But their attitude is, "Just not them. Not just now." (Source: Miller Campaign Site <http://goo.gl/olVBvS>)

Aaron J. Schock (Rep):

We're not saying that anyone should draw from social security who hasn't paid in. But if you have paid into Social Security and also work for the government, you should be provided some social security benefit for all of those years of paying in. (Source: CI News Now Website; <http://ow.ly/cvyla>)

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.

Darrel Miller (Dem):

Eliminate the cuts to Medicare which are basically cuts to the subsidies to Medicare Advantage plans. We need to maintain viable private plan options within Medicare as well as conventional Medicare... Repeal the tax on premiums insurance companies collect. It discriminates against small business and individual policies... Large employers who self-insure will be spared the increases. Medicare premiums are not taxed but Medicare Advantage premiums are taxed... Allow the government to negotiate lower Medicare prescription drug costs comparable to those available in other countries. (Source: Miller Campaign Site <http://goo.gl/mqNMrG>)

Aaron J. Schock (Rep):

AARP did extensive research but was unable to find any public statement on this issue by July 11, 2014.

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.

Darrel Miller (Dem):

As a congressman, I would support a higher minimum wage...but not enthusiastically. I would hope and work for higher income support with fewer negative side effects. But I would be committed to enacting some measures to get more income to low wage earners. (Source: Miller for Congress, <http://ow.ly/z11p1>)

Aaron J. Schock (Rep):

...We must get our spending under control, to that effect I have introduced ... proposal would create a commission to evaluate and abolish federal programs which are duplicative, non performing, or wasteful. Additionally, I voted against numerous increases to our debt ceiling and instead supported budgets which cut spending by over \$6 trillion over the next 10 years ... I also supported the Cut, Cap and Balance Act...to cut government spending by \$2.4 trillion over the next 10 years and required a vote in Congress on a balanced budget amendment... (Source: Congressman Aaron Schock Website; <http://ow.ly/cvyoW>)



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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