



## US House Indiana District 1

### **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.

### **Mark J. Leyva Sr. (Rep):**

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

### **Pete J. Visclosky (Dem):**

While Social Security is solvent for current retirees, action must be taken now to ensure its solvency for the next generation. That is why Pete has supported action to raise the limit of Social Security taxable earnings. If the current tax is good enough for every dollar earned by middle class workers, then it is good enough for every dollar earned by someone making excess of the current limit of \$110,000. (Source: Visclosky Campaign site <http://goo.gl/NmmLd8>)

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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.

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Action must also be taken to ensure the long-term stability of Medicare, which is why Pete has cosponsored legislation that would allow the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate lower prescription drug prices. (Source: Visclosky Campaign site <http://goo.gl/NmmLd8>)

## **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.

### **Mark J. Leyva Sr. (Rep):**

Jobs should be our #1 priority with tax cuts being an essential part- to increase the ability of the private sector to hire as well as keeping the money in the pockets of the ones that earned it. I believe in tax cuts across the board for everyone and rates reminiscent with the Reagan era. Removing job eliminating regulations imposed by unaccountable government bureaucracy will be an essential part of economic growth. [...] Long term legislation will bring faith back in the minds and hearts of the American people and encourage them to go after and live the American Dream. (Source: Leyva Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/ycfPo>)

### **Pete J. Visclosky (Dem):**

Pete's number one priority is job creation. Though the economy has added private-sector jobs in recent months, the Brookings Institute indicates that the economy must create 205,000 jobs monthly until 2024 just to get the unemployment rate back to its level in 2007. There is still a great deal to be done to put people back to work, and Pete believes that task begins by revitalizing and reinvesting in Northwest Indiana's economy. (Source: Visclosky's Congressional Site <http://goo.gl/gl1y1N>)



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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