



US House Indiana District 5

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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AARP is committed to helping you get the facts you need to choose candidates who reflect your views and values. We are nonpartisan – we don't support or oppose any political candidates or contribute any money to campaigns or political action committees. Our priority is ensuring you know where the candidates stand before you cast your vote.



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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.

Susan W. Brooks (Rep):

We need to preserve the Social Security safety net and make sure the program remains solvent for future generations. (Source: Wthr.com[NBC], <http://ow.ly/xwurv>)

Shawn A. Denney (Dem):

There are a lot of simple fixes that can be done [to Social Security]. It is finding the right balance with those fixes. I think one of them that have been purposed is upping [...] the cap when most people stop putting into Social Security. That alone would help with the solvency of Social Security. One of the other issues that I think Social Security faces that is not often discussed is that if something happens to someone before they turn 65, [...] [their Social Security] pay-in is not inheritable just as if you had paid into an IRA. So is there a way, maybe, to allow a family member to recapture what has been paid in [...]. (Source: The Light Radio Interview, <http://ow.ly/ydQDc>)

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.

Susan W. Brooks (Rep):

The Board of Medicare Trustees project that the Medicare program will be insolvent by 2017. We must take strong action to combat waste, fraud, and abuse to ensure Medicare recipients receive high quality services. We also need to promote innovation and competition, lower health care costs in Medicare, and increase accessibility to services. (Source: Wthr.com[NBC], <http://ow.ly/xwurv>)

Shawn A. Denney (Dem):

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.

Susan W. Brooks (Rep):

It is urgent that we cut wasteful and out-of-control spending; reduce taxes to create a globally competitive tax environment; remove unnecessary, burdensome and costly regulations and paperwork; speed the services required by our businesses; and foster the innovation that has and will continue to make this country great... Finally, we must ensure that our education and workforce systems work closely together to ensure a 21st century trained workforce.(Source: Wthr.com[NBC], <http://ow.ly/xwurv>)

Shawn A. Denney (Dem):

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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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