



## US House Indiana District 8

### **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.

### **Larry D. Bucshon (Rep):**

Bucshon said a solution to fund Social Security can be found, but the system would have to be modeled to account for much longer life spans than when the program was first implemented. (Source: The Courier Press, <http://ow.ly/xx8uR>)

### **Tom Spangler (Dem):**

Spangler says he also wants to protect social security (Source: The Washington Times-Herald <http://ow.ly/xwRo4>)

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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.

### **Larry D. Bucshon (Rep):**

"The Medicare Trustees report makes it clear that we need action now to preserve and protect this vital program for current beneficiaries and future retirees. The aging population and rising costs in healthcare are contributing to the approaching date of insolvency. Furthermore, the attempt to mask these issues by cutting \$575 billion through Obamacare is more proof that this Administration has no plan to keep our promises to our nation's seniors. As a physician that mostly treated the Medicare population, it is unimaginable to continue ignoring this issue. Those that choose to do so should get their heads out of the sand." (Source: Bucshon Congressional Site, <http://ow.ly/xwOY2>)

### **Tom Spangler (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.

### **Larry D. Bucshon (Rep):**

With the nation's unemployment at or near 8% since January 2009, Congress must take the necessary steps to reduce unemployment. In order for the private-sector to create jobs and hire new employees, we must address our corporate and individual tax structure. In addition, we need to eliminate overreaching government regulations that are causing economic uncertainty in the business community. We also need to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act which is causing businesses to reduce the number of employees and avoid expansion due to the costs of this unwise legislation. (Source: Bucshon Congressional Site, <http://ow.ly/xwPIC>)

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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.

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

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