



US House Iowa 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.

HAVING TROUBLE CUTTING THROUGH THE POLITICAL CAMPAIGN CLUTTER?

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.

Rodney L. Blum (Rep):

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

Patrick J. Murphy (Dem):

Pat is opposed to any plan that would privatize Social Security and believes we can find cost-savings in the federal budget without shifting to chained CPI that would slow the growth of benefits over time. In Congress, he'll work to make sure our seniors get the benefits they have worked for. (Source: Murphy's Campaign Site, <http://ow.ly/xC98B>)

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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Patrick J. Murphy (Dem):

Pat will fight efforts to turn Medicare into a voucher system and work to preserve the security of the program for generations to come. He'll crack down on Medicare waste and fraud, and push for cost saving measures like electronic medical records and streamlining services as a way to ensure Medicare remains secure for our seniors to count on. (Source: Murphy's Campaign Site, <http://ow.ly/xC98B>)

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.

Rodney L. Blum (Rep):

Rod's Blueprint: [...] •Lower and flatten tax rates on individuals. We need to broaden the tax base and simplify our arcane system. •Increase incentives in the tax code for the middle class to save for education, retirement, and healthcare. (Source: Blum Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/A2tjW>)

Patrick J. Murphy (Dem):

The first bill Pat passed as Speaker of the Iowa House raised Iowa's minimum wage to \$7.25 per hour, two years before it became the federal standard. In Congress, he'll work to pass Sen. Harkin's bill raising the federal minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour so workers are treated fairly and are in a better position to support their families. (Source: Murphy's Campaign Site, <http://ow.ly/xC9rG>)



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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