



US House Kentucky 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.

Charles K. Hatchett (Dem):

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

Ed Whitfield (Rep):

There have been many bipartisan proposals. [...] Some contemplated gradually raising the retirement age while others suggested another tax increase on working families. Some advocated restructuring benefits through a means test in order to reduce the benefits paid to middle and upper income seniors. What is beyond doubt is that current and future workers paying into the system will not be able to support the rapidly increasing pool of retirees. Structural changes must eventually be implemented if we are to protect existing retirement benefits and provide for future generations. (Source: Votesmart.org & Whitfield congressional site, <http://ow.ly/xxyKo>)

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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Ensure Physicians are Paid Fairly: Medicare continues to reimburse physicians at a level lower than the actual costs of procedures, causing some physicians to stop seeing Medicare patients. I believe in the need to ensure physicians are adequately reimbursed for their services in order to make certain they are still able to practice medicine. To address this reimbursement inequity once and for all, my Ten Point plan would replace the flawed Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) formula with a more accurate reimbursement method, the Medicare Economic Index (MEI). (Source: Whitfield Congressional Site, <http://ow.ly/xxBNx>)

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.

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Creating jobs and getting our economy back on track is my top priority in Washington. [...] To accomplish this goal, we must support small businesses - which create 3 out of every 5 jobs in America - keep taxes low and invest in new energy technologies, which will also create new jobs...I also believe we need to lower the tax burden on Kentucky families to help spur economic growth. I have consistently voted for letting Kentuckians keep more of their hard earned tax dollars. [...] With policies like these we can facilitate economic development and bring new businesses to the Commonwealth. (Source: Whitfield Congressional Site, <http://ow.ly/xxBNx>)



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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