



US House Kentucky District 2

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.

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Ronald A. Leach (Dem):

Lifting the cap on wages subject to Social Security tax will make Social Security solvent indefinitely while simultaneously allowing a reduction of payroll taxes on the majority of Kentuckians and Americans which WILL stimulate the economy from the demand side from the majority of Americans living essentially paycheck to paycheck. (Source: Leach's Campaign Site, <http://ow.ly/xxGOf>)

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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Allowing Kentuckians and Americans to buy into Medicare beginning at age 50 has many benefits. Medicare can be the health insurance for these folks at rates 20 percent lower than private insurance options and provide positive earnings to Medicare to help shore up the system for those 65 and older. Medicare provides more health care per dollar than ANY competing private market plans. Allowing 50 and over to buy into Medicare will ensure continuity of care and ensure healthier and therefore lower cost population in the traditional 65 and older Medicare pool over time. (Source: Leach's Campaign Site, <http://ow.ly/xxGOf>)

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.

Brett Guthrie (Rep):

"The diminishing values of Americans' savings and retirement accounts calls for better solutions. Now is not the time for Washington to pursue policies that cause savings to fade even more quickly... At the beginning of March, I was asked to join a working group to help develop solutions that will assist Americans in protecting and rebuilding their savings as quickly as possible... This legislation would double the Social Security earnings limit from \$14,160 to \$28,320 allowing more Americans to increase their income without being penalized." (Source: Votesmart & Guthrie House Site, <http://ow.ly/xxFU5>)

Ronald A. Leach (Dem):

We need to grow our economy from the middle – demand side, as opposed to the failed “supply side” model. Supply side economics has transferred our nation’s wealth to the very few at the top while abandoning the vast majority of Americans over the past 32 years. Reforming and addressing the structural imbalances in our economy – which culminated in the 2008 economic melt down – is vital. Not addressing these imbalances will inevitably lead to another economic collapse as an ever greater number of Kentuckians and Americans are living on the margins and are unable to drive our economy forward. (Source: Leach Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/ye7CT>)



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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