



## US House Louisiana 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.

### **Gary C. Landrieu (D):**

Gary Landrieu support preserving Social Security and making health care accessible to citizens by providing an array of affordable options to individuals. (Source: Landrieu Campaign Site, <http://goo.gl/3BEoFG>)

### **Cedric L. Richmond (D):**

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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.

### **Gary C. Landrieu (D):**

The Medicare program is about keeping promises to millions of seniors who have put in a lifetime of hard work. As your Congressman, my goal will be to strengthen Medicare and preserve the program for future generations that put in a lifetime of hard work.(Source: Landrieu Campaign Site, <http://goo.gl/3BEoFG>)

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## **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.

### **Gary C. Landrieu (D):**

Gary Landrieu believes that our government should put citizens in a position to attain jobs and currency. In times when the U.S. is suffering economically, Gary supports the reduction of government spending. Gary opposes any new taxes and as Louisiana's 2nd Congressional District Representative, Gary will work to expand investment and economic opportunity in Louisiana's 2nd Congressional District, to start, Gary Landrieu as a small business man, knows that small businesses are the backbone of our economy. (Source: Landrieu Campaign Site, <http://goo.gl/3BEoFG>)

### **Cedric L. Richmond (D):**

The AmeriSave Plan will increase national savings and grow our economy while helping middle-class families prepare for a brighter future. The AmeriSave Plan will expand and improve existing retirement accounts, such as 401(k)s and IRAs, so that American families can benefit from the power of compound interest while retaining Social Security's guaranteed benefit. Under AmeriSave, nearly 100 million Americans will be eligible for the "AmeriSave Match," which will match dollar-for-dollar the first \$1,000 contributed to an IRA, 401(k), or similar retirement plan. (Source: Cedric Richmond's Website; <http://ow.ly/cm1eg>)



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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