



## US House Louisiana District 3

### **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.

### **Bryan Barrilleaux (R):**

Social Security faces insolvency. [...] I propose a better solution that utilizes a tax cut to reestablish solvency for Social Security with additional benefits of economic stimulus. This proposal recognizes the healthier longevity enjoyed by modern seniors and the potential and desire to remain productive. [...] This is what I propose. All beneficiaries of Social Security at or above retirement age who voluntarily forego social security benefits for one year will be exempt from all federal income tax and social security tax on earned income in that same year. (Source: Barrilleaux Website, <http://ow.ly/C78vJ>)

### **Charles W. Boustany Jr. (R):**

We must work together on realistic solutions to ensure Social Security and Medicare remain reliable programs for older Americans. Congress should consider concrete plans that would protect seniors' access to needed care and retirement security. We need to do this without passing crushing debt to our grandchildren or destroying American competitiveness. Instead of merely ignoring the problem, advocacy groups opposing the Commission's proposal should come to the table with their own specific plans shown to achieve these goals. As a Member of the House Ways and Means Committee, I will continue working hard on this problem. (Source: Boustany's Congressional Site <http://ow.ly/xzDnJ>)

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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.

### **Bryan Barrilleaux (R):**

I support strengthening Medicare in the following three ways. > First, to preserve Medicare, it is necessary to repeal Obamacare. > Second, I support a plan that maximizes individual enrollee choice and encourages private competition. This begins with a premium support plan, in which Medicare enrollees may remain in current traditional Medicare or if they choose, they may use premium support payments from Medicare to pick from a variety of private plans. [...] > Third, Congressmen should not take money from health care industries who buy influence and advantage. (Source: Barrilleaux Website, <http://ow.ly/C78vJ>)

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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.

### **Bryan Barrilleaux (R):**

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

### **Charles W. Boustany Jr. (R):**

We need a simple and fair tax code that provides small businesses with long-term tax certainty and low rates so they can compete in the global economy and create high-paying U.S. jobs. (Source: Boustany's Congressional Site <http://ow.ly/xzDT8>)



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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