



## US House Louisiana District 4

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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.

### **John C. Fleming Jr. (R):**

Unless Social Security is reformed, young workers will not be able to depend on Social Security to provide for their retirement. Over the next twenty-five years, as the baby boomers retire and our population ages, only 2.1 workers will pay into Social Security for each retiree. Today 3.3 workers pay into Social Security for each retiree, and in 1965, 8.6 workers paid into Social Security for each beneficiary. To counter these inevitable demographic trends, we must put Social Security on sound fiscal footing. Comprehensive reform can be achieved without adversely affecting any current or near-retiree. (Source: Fleming Congressional Page, <http://ow.ly/xzICo>)

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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.

### **John C. Fleming Jr. (R):**

"The population is aging and health care costs are rising. Obamacare failed to address those issues and that means Medicare is still facing insolvency. It's time for the administration to stop spinning its do-nothing approach and finally recognize that Medicare is on an unsustainable path. I and my fellow House Republicans continue to offer meaningful steps toward Medicare reform while Washington liberals have little to offer but more posturing and name-calling." (Source: Fleming Congressional Page, <http://ow.ly/xzlib>)

## **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.

### **John C. Fleming Jr. (R):**

With their strong work ethic, ingenuity, and determination, the people throughout Louisiana's Fourth District embody what's best about America. Unfortunately, excessive government regulation and wasteful spending prevent us from unleashing our full potential to better our families and communities. That's why I'm committed to fighting the growth of government. I opposed corporate bailouts, the so-called "stimulus" packages, and the reckless spending of the Obama administration. That's why I've voted to reduce the tax burden on American workers. (Source: Fleming Campaign Site, <http://ow.ly/zeFU5>)



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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