



US House Louisiana District 6

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HOW TO USE THE AARP VOTERS' GUIDE:

AARP asked the major candidates in this race for their solutions about issues important to AARP members, Americans age 50-plus, and their families. Each candidate was allowed up to 625 characters to answer the questions. Their responses were not edited nor modified.

AARP has provided a summary of our position for each of the issues in this guide.

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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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Edwin W. Edwards (D):

"I am 87 years old and this is an issue of extreme importance to me. Because I recognize the value of Social Security and Medicare programs, I want to protect them and enrich them for people who reach retirement age. I am and have been a beneficiary of both programs for many years and will work to make sure these programs are around for you and for future generations." (Source: Edwards Speech at Sunrise Senior Living Center)

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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“Frankly, I do not know how a freshman congressman could control health cost alone but any program sponsored by members of congress or the administration, which would address the problem, would have my support. Among other measures, I can suggest that we may want to remove the obstacle of purchasing medications from outside the U.S., which should be of help.” (Source: Edwards Speech at Sunrise Senior Living Center)

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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.

Dan A. Claitor (R):

Dan Claitor knows most Americans want to work for a living, and that our country is stronger when more people are earning paychecks. As our Congressman, Dan will work to cut government regulation, simplify the tax code, and free small businesses to create the jobs our people need. (Source: Claitor for Congress, <http://ow.ly/y1981>)

Paul Dietzel II (R):

Another way to fight regulation is to scale back the size of government. I believe we should dissolve the EPA and the Departments of Commerce, Energy, Housing and Urban Development, and Education. Our states already regulate these areas, and duplicate or conflicting regulation confuses businesses and costs Americans valuable jobs. (Source: Dietzel Campaign Site <http://ow.ly/xzUBo>)

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I feel it is imperative to provide a stable environment for business growth and job creation. I will address issues that are positive for our district. I will also listen to each of you as you bring your concerns to the table; a table I hope will be used for civil debate and discourse. (Source: Edwins Campaign Site
<http://goo.gl/9FbB2l>)

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