



US House Maryland District 5

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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AARP is committed to helping you get the facts you need to choose candidates who reflect your views and values. We are nonpartisan – we don't support or oppose any political candidates or contribute any money to campaigns or political action committees. Our priority is ensuring you know where the candidates stand before you cast your vote.



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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.

Chris Chaffee (Rep):

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

Steny H. Hoyer (Dem):

Congressman Hoyer has worked to improve and modernize the Social Security program by voting for investment in technology to enable the Social Security Administration to more efficiently process the increasing number of retirees and claims. He supported efforts to increase funding at Social Security to reduce the hearings backlog, prevent a backlog recurrence, and improve the speed and quality of services for retirees. (Source: Hoyer Congressional Site, <http://ow.ly/y8E8n>)

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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Congressman Hoyer has also worked hard to strengthen the Medicare program and help ensure seniors can see their doctors. The newly enacted health insurance reform law extends the fiscal solvency of the Medicare program, while improving Medicare benefits and chronic disease coverage and reining in waste, fraud and abuse. The new law also lowers prescription drug costs for seniors by closing the Medicare Prescription Drug "Donut Hole" over the next few years. (Source: Hoyer Congressional Site, <http://ow.ly/y8E8n>)

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.

Chris Chaffee (Rep):

We need to create jobs in all fields across the board in the United States. We need to manufacture in the United States and stop shipping our jobs overseas. We need to make the business environment friendly for small businesses so they have the ability to add jobs and increase their revenue. (Source: Chaffee Campaign Site <http://goo.gl/qiIPuZ>)

Steny H. Hoyer (Dem):

Rebuilding our economy, creating jobs, and standing up for the middle class have been Congressman Hoyer's top priorities during the economic recovery. America's manufacturing sector has led our economic recovery, and Congressman Hoyer introduced and is working to enact the "Make It In America" plan to help build on that momentum. The "Make It In America" plan will strengthen domestic manufacturing so that American companies can grow and create jobs here in the U.S. (Source: Hoyer Congressional Site, <http://ow.ly/y8EFS>)



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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