



US House Maryland District 6

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.

Daniel J. Bongino (Rep):

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

John K. Delaney (Dem):

We must preserve this crucial program for future generations without cutting benefits or making radical and irresponsible changes. In Congress, I will defend Social Security and fight any attempts to privatize it... I will support common sense measures such as making sure that wealthy Americans pay the same payroll tax rate into Social Security as everyone else. This measure would restore the balance without increasing taxes on the poor. (Source: Delaney Campaign Site, <http://ow.ly/y8FVK>)

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.

Daniel J. Bongino (Rep):

I believe a voucher-based system, controlled by the senior, encourages our seniors to seek out those providers that provide them the best value. And, it encourages providers to provide competitive prices for their services and quality care. It gives economic power and choice back to seniors and takes it away from unelected bureaucrats. (Source: On the issues, <http://ow.ly/yIe55>)

John K. Delaney (Dem):

There are specific steps we can take to rein in costs without cutting benefits to seniors. For example, we can make Medicare more efficient by allowing the government to negotiate with drug companies directly to get the best possible price for prescription drugs. Current law prohibits us from doing this. It is time to end this gift to drug companies. In order to control costs, we must also crack down on Medicare fraud and abuse... I will look for ways to save this program without simply passing costs onto seniors. (Source: Delaney Campaign Site, <http://ow.ly/y8FVK>)

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.

Daniel J. Bongino (Rep):

we must reorient our tax policy to encourage job growth rather than encourage tax growth. It is a false argument to state that pro-growth tax policies and a steady, predictable stream of federal tax revenue are conflicting priorities. As both Presidents Kennedy and Reagan demonstrated, growth-oriented tax policies can provide for vibrant job growth and the necessary revenue to fund the services provided for in our Constitution. (Source: Bongino for Congress, <http://ow.ly/yIdLs>)

John K. Delaney (Dem):

As a country, our priority must be to build an economy that competes globally while preserving a growing standard of living. To accomplish this, we need to focus on productive jobs. Productive jobs are jobs that require education or technical training or are in industries that benefit from geographic competitive advantages. Growing low-skilled labor jobs – which feels good in the short term – does not achieve the goal of restoring the middle class. (Source: Delaney Campaign Site, <http://ow.ly/zFMFK>)



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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