



## US House Massachusetts 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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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.

### **Seth Moulton (Dem):**

If we want to keep fighting for the middle class, if we want to keep fighting for equal pay, if we want to keep fighting to protect Social Security and Medicare, then we need a Democrat who shares those values and can hold on to this seat. (Source: Moulton Campaign site <http://goo.gl/LB1fFz>)

### **Richard R. Tisei (Rep):**

I will fight to keep Social Security off budget. Washington politicians will tell you that the Social Security Trust Fund contains \$2.6 trillion. In reality, the trust fund is filled with IOU's from the Federal Government because money dedicated to the Trust fund has been diverted and spent on other programs. Most recently, Congress raided the trust fund for \$120 billion as part of the payroll tax holiday. (Source: Tisei's Campaign Site <http://ow.ly/xACgl>)

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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.

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I will fight against any budget or legislation that takes funding away from Medicare in order to bail out Obamacare. This has already happened once when \$716 billion was diverted away from Medicare and to Obamacare. These cuts have already proven to be detrimental to senior's access to care... I will support the Medicare Common Access Card Act that could prevent Medicare fraud and save up to \$30 billion per year. This proposal would create a Smart Card program that patients and providers could use to cut down on improper and fraudulent billing. (Source: Tisei's Campaign Site <http://ow.ly/xACgl>)

## **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.

### **Seth Moulton (Dem):**

There are a number of ways that Washington can help our economy grow faster. The first is to stop doing so much legislative harm: governing crisis to crisis has actively harmed our economy. The second is by enacting measures—such as smart investments in job training, research and development, and our crumbling infrastructure... The third is to support the technology revolution that is changing our country and our economy in a profound and dramatic way every day. Government should help us make the necessary investments... that can ensure all this innovation means more good jobs and shared prosperity, not less. (Source: Moulton Campaign Site <http://goo.gl/rZjScq>)

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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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