



US House Massachusetts District 7

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.

Michael E. Capuano (Dem):

I have consistently opposed plans to privatize or partially privatize this critical program, a step I believe would undermine retirement security by cutting guaranteed benefits over 40% for future retirees... Without this money, nearly 50 percent of American seniors would be living in poverty. Privatizing Social Security through individual savings accounts will put the retirement savings of too many seniors at the mercy of the stock market, in addition to saddling future generations of Americans with even greater debt... Social Security continues to face long-term challenges and they should be addressed (Source: Capuanos Congressional Site, <http://ow.ly/xAEon>)

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.

Michael E. Capuano (Dem):

I have consistently opposed Republican-led efforts to undermine the fundamental nature of the Medicare program. Along with the entire Massachusetts Delegation, I voted against the so-called "Medicare Modernization Act" in 2003 that created the inadequate and overly complicated Medicare prescription drug benefit. Additionally, for the first time in Medicare's history, the bill required seniors seeking access to a Medicare benefit to enroll in a private plan. Further, and more troubling, enacted without additional revenue and without any attempt to control rising prescription drug costs, the bill set Medicare on a path to insolvency. (Source: Capuanos Congressional Site, <http://ow.ly/xAE2>)

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.

Michael E. Capuano (Dem):

I am committed to supporting efforts that create jobs. The federal government must do everything it can to create and save jobs by preserving vital services performed by state and local governments, supporting those who are struggling in today's economy or who are unemployed, and investing in our nation's infrastructure. (Source: Capuano's Congressional Site, <http://ow.ly/xAEzN>)



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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