



US House Massachusetts District 8

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.

Stephen F. Lynch (Dem):

Congressman Lynch believes that it is vital to preserve Social Security for today's retirees and to strengthen it for the future as a cornerstone of the retirement plan for Americans. There is no question that something must be done to strengthen Social Security for the long term, but privatizing benefits would destroy the very heart of the program...He supports efforts to reform Social Security's cost-of-living adjustment formula... and lift artificial barriers to benefits such as the government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions. And Congressman Lynch will continue to stand firm against efforts to dismantle Social Security. (Source: Lynch Congressional Site <http://ow.ly/xAEpK>)

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.

Stephen F. Lynch (Dem):

Congressman Lynch voted against the Republican budget when it came to the floor of the House of Representatives in the spring of 2011. This budget would end Medicare as we know it ... During the summer of 2011, as Washington worked to reach a deal to avoid default, Congressman Lynch urged the negotiators and President Obama to protect Medicare and Medicaid in the debt negotiations. While Congressman Lynch believes that the country needs to regain its financial footing he does not believe that it should be done on the backs of senior citizens and the most vulnerable among us. (Source: Lynch Congressional Site <http://ow.ly/xAFF3>)

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.

Stephen F. Lynch (Dem):

To give our economy a much-needed jolt, Congressman Lynch worked with Democrats in Congress to pass the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which created more than 2 million jobs, cut taxes for 95% of American families, and invested in our nation's critical infrastructure, right when our economy needed it most. (Source: Lynch Congressional Site <http://ow.ly/xAGo3>)



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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