



US House Massachusetts District 9

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.

John C. Chapman (Rep):

I recognize that our senior citizens planned their retirement based on government promises that cannot be changed abruptly. While I believe that social security and Medicare must be reformed to preserve these programs for future generations, I support gradual changes that do not affect those at or near retirement age. As part of any reforms, I believe that we should review all aspects of the government's long-term financial condition and find solutions to protect critical programs while keeping costs down. (Source: Chapman for Congress, <http://ow.ly/z87VX>)

Bill Keating (Dem):

Social Security, arguably one of the most successful government programs since its creation in 1935, is a promise from America to all citizens. It's the promise that you will have a chance to retire with dignity after a lifetime of hard work. For the majority of retirees, Social Security provides more than fifty percent of their annual income, and without it, nearly half of all seniors would be living in poverty. (Source: Keatings Congressional Site <http://ow.ly/xBZuO>)

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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Bill Keating (Dem):

Instead of voting for the majority budget that would have increased healthcare costs to seniors by \$6,000, Bill supports strengthening Medicare to ensure that today's seniors and the seniors of tomorrow have access to this vital, earned benefit. Instituting healthcare vouchers or coupons – instead of the Medicare guarantee – is a violation of the promise that we have made to America's seniors. Reliance on the whims of health insurance companies is irresponsible and unwise, and Bill is fighting to make sure that the little stability our seniors have left is not taken away from them. (Source: Keatings Congressional Site <http://ow.ly/xBZuO>)

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.

John C. Chapman (Rep):

government doesn't create jobs – the private sector does. Job creators need a friendly business environment. I will work to create an environment that is conducive to job growth and expansion. I support pro-growth policies that reduce taxes on small businesses and cut red tape and burdensome regulations that stifle innovation and entrepreneurship. I support expanding public-private partnerships that promote.. tourism and transportation. By increasing tourism and improving access to the District, we can strengthen our local businesses and boost economic activity. (Source: Chapman for Congress, <http://ow.ly/z87VX>)

Bill Keating (Dem):

As we emerge from the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression, Bill's number one priority is to put our community back to work and restore our local economy. He strongly believes that investing in new energy technologies and incentivizing small businesses will allow us to create jobs in new frontiers. We need to focus on the renewal of American manufacturing and innovation—in our region and around the country. Instead of tax breaks to companies that ship jobs overseas, Bill has advocated for policies that reward companies that create jobs here in America. (Source: Keating's Congressional Site <http://ow.ly/xCoQz>)



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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