



US House Michigan District 2

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.

HAVING TROUBLE CUTTING THROUGH THE POLITICAL CAMPAIGN CLUTTER?

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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 protect benefits for people who count on them most, including surviving spouses and families, low-wage workers, and individuals who become disabled and can no longer 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.

Bill P. Huizenga (Rep):

Social Security is not sustainable without significant reform. Future benefits cannot be paid under current taxation levels. Raising taxes to pay for an unsustainable system will only make the problem worse. There are a limited number of options for addressing this actuarial time bomb. We can increase the retirement age, raise tax rates, or increase the cap on earnings subject to taxes... The government has to honor its promises to protect retirees and those nearing retirement age. A long-term fix to Social Security should include the option of a personal retirement account... (Source: Huizinga's Congressional Site, <http://ow.ly/xIOEY>)

Dean Vanderstelt (Dem):

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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.

Bill P. Huizenga (Rep):

In addition, I support having a fact-based conversation about how to preserve Medicare for current seniors and for future generations. Without reform, the Medicare Trust Fund will be bankrupt in 2020, according to the Congressional Budget Office. I support reforms that will strengthen Medicare for the future, while ensuring that no one over the age of 55 will be impacted. These reforms will give seniors access to Medicare-approved guaranteed coverage options offered on a regulated exchange, allowing seniors to select a plan that best meets his/her needs, much like the health insurance Members of Congress have. (Source: Huizinga's Congressional Site, <http://ow.ly/x2ORl>)

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Financial Security

How would you help Americans build a financial nest egg for their retirement?

AARP's Position:

There should be more opportunities and incentives for all Americans to save for their retirement and financial security. Freedom from age discrimination is a fundamental right, and all Americans should be able to keep working and contributing to society regardless of age. Promoting affordable homeownership and safeguarding home equity are important to maintain and improve the independence and quality of life of Americans age 50-plus.

Bill P. Huizenga (Rep):

In order to provide an environment that will help create jobs and spur economic development, Congress must provide relief from the massive amount of red tape that is imposed on the private sector. At every level of government, job creators and families are seeing more burdens placed on them, burdens that stifle job creation, economic growth and family security. (Source: Huizenga Campaign Site, <http://ow.ly/xIPBf>)

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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.

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