



US House Michigan 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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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.

Paul C. Clements (Dem):

They need a clean environment and a way to fix the mountains of debt. Maybe not today's students, but in the future, they need Social Security to be fixed. [Government] has an effect on students. (Source: Western Herald <http://ow.ly/xO6AQ>)

Fred S. Upton (Rep):

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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.

Paul C. Clements (Dem):

As our population ages, the strength of our economy depends on cutting health care cost inflation and improving health standards. If we fail to contain health care costs, Medicare and Medicaid will drive up the national debt and/or crowd out other important government programs. (Source: Clement's Campaign Site <http://ow.ly/xMWAB>)

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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.

Paul C. Clements (Dem):

High paying manufacturing jobs follow leading technologies. The federal government should increase support for basic science research and for research and development targeted at technologies with promising applications. It should establish a manufacturing extension service to help move new technologies from the laboratory to the shop floor. It should help to make the American workforce the best educated in the world, and it should train unemployed workers for the jobs employers need to fill. This is the best way to build prosperity in the 21st century for Michigan's families. (Source: Clement's Campaign Site <http://ow.ly/xO6Y4>

Fred S. Upton (Rep):

Fred's top priorities remain jobs and our economy here in Michigan. Local businesses are working hard to lead the way for our state's recovery, but many of the policies coming out of Washington are making matters more difficult. Fred is fighting to put a permanent halt on the Obama administration's aggressive regulatory assault, which not only threatens to slow growth, but to destroy jobs and raise everyday costs for Michigan families. Instead, it is time for a pro-growth, pro-market approach that encourages businesses to create jobs and reinvest in their communities. (Source: Upton's Campaign Site, <http://ow.ly/xMTzZ>)



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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