



## US House Michigan 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 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.

### **Michael D. Bishop (Rep):**

AARP did extensive research but was unable to find any public statement on this issue by July 11, 2014.

### **Eric A. Schertzing (Dem):**

We need to strengthen Social Security, which is the bedrock of security for our seniors, now and in the future. (Source: Mlive Voter Guide, <http://ow.ly/zLIA6>)

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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.

### **Michael D. Bishop (Rep):**

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### **Eric A. Schertzing (Dem):**

Eric will always protect Social Security and Medicare and he will tackle the dysfunction at the VA, which has caused our veterans to wait months, or years for care. (Schertzing Campaign Mailer)

## **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.

### **Michael D. Bishop (Rep):**

Strengthening our nation's economy is the top priority for Mike. The Obama administration has used the tax code, overregulation, and red tape to stifle job growth and stall our economy. Mike Bishop will help develop policies that will promote job growth and jumpstart our economy (Source: Bishop Campaign Site, <http://goo.gl/ckssC7>)

### **Eric A. Schertzing (Dem):**

One, we need to invest in our nation's infrastructure—our roads, bridges, schools, electrical grid: all the building blocks our economy and prosperity depend on. The best part about making those investments is that doing so would provide millions of good-paying jobs. Two, we need to address college affordability crisis and rein in student loans that stop young people from buying houses and achieving the American Dream. Three, we need to strengthen Social Security, which is the bedrock of security for our seniors, now and in the future. Four, we need to invest in energy efficiency and renewable energy. [...] (Source: Mlive Voter Guide, <http://ow.ly/zLIA6>)



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.

To find out more about these issues and voting information, please visit [aarp.org/yourvote](http://aarp.org/yourvote).

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