



US House Minnesota District 1

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.

James Hagedorn (Rep):

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

Tim J. Walz (DFL):

I think that's pretty common, too. I think most of us know Social Security doesn't add to the debt. I've also said if you want to fix Social Security, just raise the withholding up to the member of Congress' salary and leave it at that. Social Security is solvent for 71 years then. So, Social Security is actually the easy fix in this. (Source: MPR news, <http://ow.ly/xG8Xh>)

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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Tim J. Walz (DFL):

It's the Medicare one, and as I've said all along, I'm certainly not turning a blind eye to it, as an aging population and the skyrocketing costs of healthcare; we've got to do something there... And I'm certainly willing to look at how we do that, but I think this knee-jerk reaction that, 'We're going to raise the retirement age,' which you know if you're working at the Swift plant out in Worthington cutting hogs all day, working until you're 70 is a little bit more daunting than sitting in an office and doing it. (Source: MPR news, <http://ow.ly/xG8Xh>)

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.

James Hagedorn (Rep):

Government's responsibility concerning the U.S. economy and job market is to establish a sound business climate that fosters entrepreneurship and the private capital investment needed to create, expand, and maintain business – especially small business, the job-creating backbone of our free enterprise system. (Source: Hagedorn Campaign Site <http://goo.gl/tQoJCE>)

Tim J. Walz (DFL):

The basic premise behind my bipartisan energy bill is simple: take the royalties from the expansion of responsible drilling here in America, and reinvest them into clean energy jobs and infrastructure improvements here at home... With entrepreneurship and a can-do American spirit, we can increase our energy security and create good-paying, clean energy and construction jobs right here in southern Minnesota. (Source: Walz Congressional Site, <http://goo.gl/yIHkSA>)



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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