



## US House Minnesota 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.

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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 P. Kline Jr. (Rep):**

When it comes to Social Security, John Kline believes you earned your benefits, you paid for them, and they should not be touched. He will continue to oppose any plan that reduces benefits for today's retirees. (Source: Kline's Congressional Site, <http://ow.ly/xGeJ8>)

### **Michael E. Obermueller (DFL):**

Social Security and Medicare are earned benefits and part of a solemn promise we've made to our seniors. We must protect and defend these rights from those willing to put our seniors at risk. By stopping the raids on the Social Security trust fund and protecting Medicare from risky voucher schemes, we can ensure our seniors retire with dignity and security. Mike will defend the health and retirement security of our seniors. (Source: Obermuellers Campaign Site, <http://ow.ly/xHGOn>)

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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.

### **John P. Kline Jr. (Rep):**

Seniors should be able to keep health decisions between them and their doctor. John Kline opposed the creation of an unelected, unaccountable panel of bureaucrats tasked with cutting costs by deciding what health services will and won't be covered. John Kline was honored to receive the Champions of Seniors award for his efforts to protect Medicare, preserve the doctor/patient relationship, and ensure options and choices are available for seniors. He will continue to support efforts ensuring the promises made to our seniors are kept. (Source: Kline's Congressional Site, <http://ow.ly/xGeJ8>)

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## **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 P. Kline Jr. (Rep):**

Accordingly, Washington must work toward creating an environment that helps families by preserving tax relief and providing economic certainty so private sector employers can create jobs and put some of the millions of unemployed Americans back to work. (Source: Kline's Congressional Site, <http://ow.ly/xGf22>)

### **Michael E. Obermueller (DFL):**

Putting Americans back to work is the cure to many of the challenges facing our country. To do this we must continue to educate and innovative an entrepreneurial workforce, retrain out-of-work middle-class workers and reward businesses for creating the jobs of tomorrow here in America—not for shipping them overseas. We also need to keep middle class tax cuts in place and reduce the red tape and other excess burdens on small businesses... Mike will work to create an environment in which small businesses can thrive as members of our communities to encourage new job creation and entrepreneurship. (Source: Obermuellers Campaign Site, <http://ow.ly/xHGOn>)



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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