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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.

Betty McCollum (DFL):

For many seniors, Social Security and Medicare serve as a primary source of health and retirement security... In order to keep the promise our country has made to American families and workers, Congress has a responsibility to keep Social Security and Medicare strong and stable for the current and next generation... I am committed to reforms that maintain the long-term solvency of these programs and protect the basic benefits promised to seniors... We must be certain that nothing puts the future of Social Security and Medicare at risk. We must fulfill the commitments made to our seniors by keeping Social Security and Medicare... (Source: McCollum's Congressional Site, <http://ow.ly/x1oZR>)

Sharna Walhgren (Rep):

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

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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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.

Betty McCollum (DFL):

These efforts require bipartisan ideas and cooperation. The federal government must work with the private sector to make key investments in education and infrastructure that will make us more competitive in the future. To stimulate economic growth and job creation, the government needs to ensure a fair playing field and protect both workers and businesses. (Source: McCollum's Congressional Site, <http://ow.ly/xI27v>)

Sharna Walhgren (Rep):

To have a strong economy, it is vital we have quality jobs for everyone. We need a thriving middle class. A good job, not a government program, is the foundation for the pursuit of happiness. We must reduce overreaching government regulations and unnecessary red tape which get in the way of business. (Source: Walhgren's Campaign Site, <http://ow.ly/xIaus>)



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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