



US House Missouri District 3

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.

Courtney Denton (Dem):

It is my belief that every American has the right to retire in a dignified, secure, and healthy fashion. Throughout an American's working life, they are contributing to Social Security with the expectation that when the time comes for their own retirement, Social Security will provide. Although, the future of Social Security is often debated as Republicans argue retirement funds should be privatized. In Congress I will always vote to protect Social Security and Medicare, as cutting these is not the answer to securing the financial future of American citizens. (Source: Denton's Campaign Site, <http://ow.ly/xFyvr>)

Blaine Luetkemeyer (Rep):

...my priority is to preserve Medicare and Social Security for current beneficiaries and future generations. I do not support making changes that would affect any current beneficiaries or those nearing retirement; however, in order for the next generation of beneficiaries to receive full benefits and quality care, we must take action to save these programs for the future by ensuring their solvency. Otherwise, these programs will not be there for future generations of Americans... I am committed to finding permanent solutions to fix the many issues facing both Medicare and Social Security so that we can preserve these programs... (Source: Luetkemeyer's Congressional Site <http://ow.ly/xFxBU>)

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.

Courtney Denton (Dem):

The current state of the economy and job prospects is a major concern for most Americans. If elected into office, I would focus on creating quality jobs and strengthening our economy further. (Source: Denton's Campaign Site, <http://ow.ly/xFyTY>)

Blaine Luetkemeyer (Rep):

The House has passed dozens of pro-growth job measures to get government out of the way. I will continue to support and push for policies that don't over regulate our nation's job creators. The government needs to get out of the way and let the private sector do what it does best, which is to help grow our nation's economy and put Americans back to work. (Source: Luetkemeyer's Congressional Site <http://ow.ly/xFxSl>)



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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