



## US House Nebraska District 2

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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.

### **Brad Ashford (Dem):**

I will bring people together to cut wasteful spending and find solutions to our budget problems, strengthen the middle class and our economy and protect Social Security and Medicare. (Source: Ashford Campaign Site, <http://ow.ly/xAkKK>)

### **Lee R. Terry (Rep):**

I support reforms and sensible solutions that protect the benefits of current participants and strengthen retirement security for future generations. [...] It is important to me that the younger generations will someday receive the same benefits. Part of the solution is balancing the budget and reducing spending across the board to protect the services that are most important and vital to the daily lives of many Nebraskans. I want to ensure that the Americans that have paid into the system will receive the benefits they deserve. It is important to me to give retirees peace of mind that their nest eggs will be secure. (Source: Terry House Website, <http://ow.ly/x3GjI>)

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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.

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Another way to rein in health care costs is permanent fixing Medicare's sustain growth rate (SGR) that sets the formula for how doctors are reimbursed for their services. The SGR is an antiquated policy that [...] simply doesn't fit our nation's 21st century health care needs. We cannot expect Medicare patients to go year-to-year or month-to-month hoping that Congress will continually fix this broken formula. [...] I believe that rather than reimbursing doctors for the quantity of services, we need to explore ways to reward them for the quality of patient outcomes. (Source: Terry House Website, <http://ow.ly/x3vZd>)

## **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.

### **Brad Ashford (Dem):**

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

### **Lee R. Terry (Rep):**

This Congress, I was proud to vote for the Ryan Budget plan that puts our nation's finances on a ten-year pathway to balancing the budget and suggests common-sense entitlement reforms to strengthen Social Security and Medicare for future generations. I strongly believe that by balancing our budget, we will take significant steps toward getting our federal deficit under control, expanding our economy and creating jobs. (Source: Terry House Website, <http://ow.ly/x3J3Z>)



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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