



# **US House Nevada District 3**

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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.

### Erin Bilbray (Dem):

I will not support any plan to privatize Social Security and Medicare. I believe we cannot fix our fiscal problems on the backs of our retirees. Congress needs to address the deficit and spending by eliminating corporate tax loopholes, cutting spending, cracking down on waste and fraud, and tightening our belts. It is not right to ask Americans who have paid into a system their entire lives to sacrifice before Congress takes these issues seriously. (Source: Kohn-Bilbray Campaign Site, http://ow.ly/xSNmQ)

## Joe J. Heck (Rep):

There are few issues more important than ensuring our senior citizens can enjoy a high quality life as they get older. [...] Social Security and Medicare are important programs that many seniors depend upon. I oppose any benefit reductions for current or soon-to-be recipients of Social Security or Medicare. To protect and preserve Medicare and Social Security, I signed on as an original cosponsor to H.R. 1630, the Social Security and Medicare Protection Act last Congress. This bill would ensure that Social Security and Medicare surpluses are used only for the purpose of providing health and retirement security. (Source: Heck Congressional Site, http://ow.ly/xSM9c)

# **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.

## Erin Bilbray (Dem):

My highest priority is getting our economy back on track and creating an environment for businesses to create good-paying jobs to put still struggling Nevadans back to work. Congress can help small businesses succeed by getting out of the way, cutting red tape and excessive regulation, encouraging banks to lend again, and providing tax relief for small businesses. We need to encourage job growth here in Nevada-not China-by ending tax loopholes that encourage companies to go or expand overseas. (Source: Kohn-Bilbray Campaign Site, http://ow.ly/xSNmQ)

### Joe J. Heck (Rep):

Job creation and turning our economy around is my top priority in Congress. As a former small business owner, I know what it takes to run a business, make a payroll and create jobs. Since coming to Congress, I have focused on introducing and supporting legislation that will create an environment that allows the private sector to thrive and create jobs. While there have been positive economic signs lately, we cannot turn our attention away from this critical issue. (Source: Heck Congressional Site, http://ow.ly/xSMss)



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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