



## US House New Hampshire District 1

### **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.

### **Frank C. Guinta (Rep):**

Many of our nation's seniors depend on Social Security and Medicare... In order to ensure the solvency of these vital programs we must look at making responsible, structural changes so future generations can receive the same safety net that currently protects their grandparents. I will continue to fight for the seniors who benefit from this program today and for their grandchildren, who should be able to count on it in the future. (Source: Guinta Campaign Site, <http://goo.gl/HdrJuH>)

### **Carol Shea-Porter (Dem):**

In a letter to President Obama, I opposed chained CPI and other cuts to benefits that seniors have earned through a lifetime of hard work. Fortunately, no cuts to Social Security... are in the Bipartisan Budget Act. I am proud to support legislation to ensure the long-term viability of Social Security... The Protecting and Preserving Social Security Act would enhance long-term solvency and improve benefits, ensuring greater economic security for America's seniors. (Source: Shea-Porter's Congressional Site, <http://ow.ly/xFeA5>)

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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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### **Carol Shea-Porter (Dem):**

I am proud to support legislation... to make health care more affordable for Medicare beneficiaries... Because of the Affordable Care Act, Medicare beneficiaries saved at the pharmacy and the doctor's office. According to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, New Hampshire seniors with Medicare prescription drug coverage saved over \$9.6 million, or an average of \$807 per beneficiary, during the first ten months of 2013. And essential preventive care visits didn't carry a copay. That's real money to a lot of people, and those savings will continue into the future. (Source: Shea-Porter's Congressional Site, <http://ow.ly/xFeA5>)

## **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.

### **Frank C. Guinta (Rep):**

Getting Granite Staters back to work has been and will remain a top priority of mine. In New Hampshire, our economy depends on the success of our small business owners and entrepreneurs. In order for them to be successful, the federal government needs to create an environment favorable to job creation. (Source: Guinta's Campaign Site, <http://goo.gl/joWRZY>)

### **Carol Shea-Porter (Dem):**

I am proud to cosponsor the American Jobs Act of 2013, a bill that would put workers back on the job, put money back into the pockets of hardworking families, end sequestration, and reduce the deficit... As a member of the Make it in America Working Group and the Trade Working Group, I'm collaborating with my colleagues on ways to create and keep good jobs here in America, especially in the manufacturing sector. It's time for Congress to pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act to prohibit discrimination against workers because of who they are, and to raise the minimum wage so no one who works full time has to live in poverty. (Source: Shea-Porter's Congressional Site, <http://ow.ly/xFfvU>)



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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