



US House New Hampshire District 2

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.

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Ann McLane Kuster (Dem):

Standing up for Social Security and Veterans Benefits: I will not vote to cut benefits to these vital social programs. Working together, both parties must ensure that New Hampshire families can continue to count on these programs for generations to come. I am a cosponsor of a resolution (H.Con.Res 34) expressing that the Chained Consumer Price Index, which would lower benefits for seniors, should not be used to calculate cost of living adjustments for Social Security and veterans benefits. (Source: Kuster's Congressional Site, <http://ow.ly/xFjjM>)

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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Negotiating for Lower Prescription Drug Prices: One reform we should make is to allow the federal government to negotiate for cheaper prescription drug prices for Medicare beneficiaries. I am a cosponsor of the Medicare Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Act (H.R. 1102), which would make this common sense and fiscally responsible reform. (Source: Kuster's Congressional Site, <http://ow.ly/xFjjM>)

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.

Marilinda J. Garcia (Rep):

Outside this important but limited role, though, government needs to get out of the way. Prosperity, growth and jobs come from the private sector, not government. Government "stimulus" spending, tax credits and so-called "investments" in politically-connected companies and industries distort the market and impose costs on the many to the benefit of the few. (Source: Garcia's Campaign Page, <http://ow.ly/xFjXl>)

Ann McLane Kuster (Dem):

My top priority in Congress is to help create jobs and opportunity for hard-working middle class New Hampshire families. While our nation's small businesses drive job creation and economic growth, our government plays a critical role in fostering the conditions businesses need to grow, thrive, and create jobs. As a member of the Small Business Committee, I am actively working to support innovation and the expansion of economic opportunity in our country. (Source: Kuster's Congressional Site, <http://ow.ly/xFjDz>)



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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