



## US House New Jersey 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.

### **Aimee Belgard (Dem):**

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### **Thomas MacArthur (Rep):**

Tom will protect Social Security and Medicare for senior citizens and those nearing retirement, and he will strengthen them for future generations. Tom believes that our seniors earned these benefits through hard work, and we must keep the promises made to them. (Source: MacArthur's Campaign Site, <http://ow.ly/xCWWc>)

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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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## **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.

### **Aimee Belgard (Dem):**

"I'll work hard to create jobs and grow the economy, I'll stand up for our veterans, protect Medicare and Social Security" (Source: NJ Spotlight <http://ow.ly/xN6B4>)

### **Thomas MacArthur (Rep):**

Tom will use that real world experience to get our economy growing again. He will promote free market policies that foster the creation of good-paying, American jobs, and empower entrepreneurs and business leaders by eliminating burdensome regulations and bureaucratic red tape that stifle job creation. (Source: MacArthur's Campaign Site, <http://ow.ly/xCWWc>)



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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