



## US House New Jersey District 11

### **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.

### **Mark S. Dunec (Dem):**

Every cent and dollar that has been paid into Social Security belongs to an American. In fact, to meet gross and unsustainable expenditures in other areas, the federal government has borrowed money from the social security trust fund. There are some who say that the solution to our woes rest in privatization. This is not the case; we should not put our retirement nest eggs at risk. (Source: Dunec's Campaign Site <http://ow.ly/xERKJ>)

### **Rodney P. Frelinghuysen (Rep):**

"Reduced Washington spending, pro-growth tax reform and preserving and protecting Social Security and Medicare are worthy goals (Source: Frelinghuysen's Congressional Site, <http://ow.ly/yrb4b>)

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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.

### **Mark S. Dunec (Dem):**

Medicare, likewise, must be protected. Seniors face serious to downright existential health concerns, regularly, and they must never be forced to choose between food, electricity, and heat, on the one hand, and their medical needs. I will use my financial background to look into, attempt to redress, revenue concerns. At every level, I will work diligently to keep Medicare from being undercut. Medicare is not a place for private sector experiments. Going forward, we need to eliminate the gap in PART D coverage. Medication is a necessity. (Source: Dunec's Campaign Site <http://ow.ly/xERKJ>)

### **Rodney P. Frelinghuysen (Rep):**

The future of Medicare is already very challenging and it must be preserved, protected and strengthened. To my mind, the new health care law violated the unofficial Hippocratic oath to 'first do no harm.' As a result, millions of older Americans, who just want to continue to see their own doctor and have that doctor choose their treatment, will be personally affected. (Source: Frelinghuysen's Congressional Site, <http://ow.ly/xDhFB>)

## **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.

### **Mark S. Dunec (Dem):**

As a Congressman, my most important obligation to my constituents will be to make sure that I cast each and every vote with robust economic development for all families and individuals in mind. (Source: Dunec for Congress, <http://ow.ly/zogVv>)

### **Rodney P. Frelinghuysen (Rep):**

I am an optimist by nature and I still believe that better days are coming! I support an action plan to create private sector jobs and careers, encourage growth, protect families and restore badly-needed economic confidence: (Source: Frelinghuysen's Congressional Site, <http://ow.ly/xDhRX>)



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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