



## US House New Mexico 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.

### **HAVING TROUBLE CUTTING THROUGH THE POLITICAL CAMPAIGN CLUTTER?**

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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.

### **Roxanne Lara (Dem):**

AARP did extensive research but was unable to find any public statement on this issue by July 11, 2014.

### **Steve E. Pearce (Rep):**

Steve is working to stop expanding entitlements. We can't keep making promises to spend more forever. It just doesn't work. We have saddled ourselves with so many commitments that we actually need to worry about Medicare and Social Security being solvent. There is a better way. (Source: Pearce for Congress, <http://ow.ly/crBJl>)

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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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### **Steve E. Pearce (Rep):**

The budget I voted for today creates opportunity for small business growth and job creation through tax code reforms that will make America more competitive and help put money back in the pockets of hardworking Americans...This budget proposal also addresses the unsustainable drivers of our debt and strengthens Medicare for future generations while protecting current seniors. This is a genuine step in the direction of more effective and efficient government. (Source: Congressman Pearce's official site, <http://ow.ly/crBmA>)

## **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.

### **Roxanne Lara (Dem):**

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### **Steve E. Pearce (Rep):**

In my work on the Financial Services Committee, I am committed to holding Wall Street accountable, and to helping rebuild the small businesses on the Main Streets of southern New Mexico. I support policies that spark economic opportunity and allow job creation. And I am working to protect jobs here, and to help bring manufacturers back to America to create American jobs. (Source: Congressman Pearce's official site, <http://ow.ly/crv2z>)



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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