



US House New York District 6

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.

Grace Meng (Dem):

[...] Seniors deserve to know that the promises of Social Security will be upheld. Social Security is a vital safety net into which seniors have already paid. [...] I am opposed to the use of a Chained Consumer Price Index (CPI) to calculate the cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) for Social Security benefits. Chained CPI would lead to smaller monthly payments and increased payment gaps over time, because it assumes that when prices rise for one item, people will choose a cheaper substitute. This assumption is simply unrealistic for seniors and others whose budgets are increasingly consumed by rising healthcare costs. [...] (Source: Meng House Website, <http://ow.ly/xYtP2>)

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.

Grace Meng (Dem):

While improvements to Medicare are needed to remedy the unsustainable trajectory of health-care expenses, the beneficiaries should not have to bear the burden of these cost-containing measures. I support a balanced approach to strengthening Medicare that protects vital benefits while also addressing the program's long-term fiscal challenges. I steadfastly oppose turning Medicare into a voucher program that would leave seniors with higher out-of-pocket costs. (Source: Meng House Website, <http://ow.ly/xYtP2>)

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.

Grace Meng (Dem):

Another problem plaguing many of our seniors is "spoofing," a widespread caller-identification scheme. Spoofing masks a caller's true identity in order to commit fraud and steal, usually from seniors. To combat this problem, I introduced the Anti-Spoofing Act of 2013.[...] The legislation broadens current protections to prohibit spoofing calls from abroad, include text messaging protections, and include new internet-based protections. I will continue to closely monitor developments that affect our seniors and work to preserve the critically important benefits that they deserve. (Source: Meng House Website, <http://ow.ly/xYtP2>)



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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