



# **US House New York District 10**

#### **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.

### Jerrold L. Nadler (Dem):

Today, Social Security provides stability for 53 million Americans. It remains a life support not only for seniors, but for families, children and those with disabilities. [...] It is wrong to threaten to reduce benefits, to increase the retirement age for current or future beneficiaries or force seniors into unprotected private accounts. Cuts to Social Security cannot be considered a valid way to address the national debt and deficit when the self-sustaining Social Security program did not bring on our nation's debt. (Source: Politico Op Ed, http://ow.ly/xYMiW)

# **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.

### Jerrold L. Nadler (Dem):

Jerry is a vigorous defender of the Social Security and Medicare programs, which have been the bedrock upon which senior citizens have depended for economic security and health care for generations...He has consistently pushed back against attempts to privatize – and undermine – all of these vital programs, and is committed to strengthening their long-term viability. (Source: Jerry Nadler for Congress, http://ow.ly/c2mPj)

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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.

### Jerrold L. Nadler (Dem):

Jerry has pushed for years to make New York City's economic base as diverse and dynamic as possible. In addition to our essential white collar industries finance, real estate, insurance - he believes that New York also needs manufacturing, maritime business and development, and technology to sustain it through the ebbs and flows of markets, to employ all classes of New Yorkers, and to maintain the types of economic development that truly make the city a varied and vital place. He has also consistently supported labor and opposed trade agreements and policies that would adversely affect U.S. workers. (Source: Jerry Nadler for Congress, http://ow.ly/c2mUG)



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**.

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