



US House New York District 12

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.

Nicholas S. Di Iorio (Rep):

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

Carolyn B. Maloney (Dem):

[...] Unlike any private investments, Social Security provides inflation-proof income for life, furnishing millions of older Americans a crucial safety net. I believe we must strengthen Social Security over the long term, but sound analysis shows that we have time to get it right. Calls for privatizing Social Security have been silenced by the recent volatility in the stock market. We must work together to protect what Americans have come to depend on in retirement so that future generations continue to count on Social Security in their retirement. (Source: Maloney House Website, <http://ow.ly/xYRsg>)

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.

Nicholas S. Di Iorio (Rep):

Lower our government's exploding health-care costs by raising the Medicare retirement age by three months each year. (Source: Nick for NY, <http://ow.ly/yS6ag>)

Carolyn B. Maloney (Dem):

"While yesterday's approval of the "doc-fix" patch means physicians won't see a 24 percent cut in Medicare rates and America's seniors won't see their access to medical services threatened by lack of coverage, it is disappointing that Congress did not come together on a sustainable, long-term solution. "[...] Unfortunately, this measured policy reform was held hostage to political games and we continue to see short term solutions for an unworkable system. Doctors are calling on Congress to enact this legislation, and I stand with them to get this done once and for all." (Source: Maloney House Website, <http://ow.ly/xYUFA>)

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.

Nicholas S. Di Iorio (Rep):

I favor a small increase in weekly unemployment benefits while maintaining the present six-month eligibility window. New York is an expensive place to live...New Yorkers should keep more of their hard-earned money. I will fight to cut corporate taxes and increase the Earned Income Tax Credit, which helps the working poor. I believe states should set their minimum wage, not the federal government. We should...benchmark the minimum wage to inflation. That way, when inflation goes up, so does your paycheck. (Source: Nick for NY, <http://ow.ly/yRDM4>)

Carolyn B. Maloney (Dem):

To create and save jobs, Carolyn supported stimulus funding to prime the pump of the economy. In New York, that's meant billions of dollars for public schools and universities; highway, bridge, mass transit, and clean-water infrastructure capital funding; hospitals and healthcare providers; and other key sectors of the local economy that provide good-paying jobs. From fighting for relief for middle class families from the Alternative Minimum Tax, to securing passage in 2009 of a bill to provide the first paid parental leave to federal employees, Carolyn has been a champion for New York's working families. (Source: Carolyn Maloney for Congress, <http://ow.ly/bYaMJ>)



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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