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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.

Jose E. Serrano (Dem):

The people have made it clear that they want Congress to guarantee the future of Social Security. Republicans have instead put forward dangerous proposals, calling for social security to be privatized, placing its future at grave risk...We need to discuss the future of Social Security now, because it is too important to ignore. Privatization will not only fail to save Social Security, it will doom it. We must keep our word to seniors, giving them the benefits they have earned. We must strengthen the trust fund, ensuring its solvency for years to come. (Source: Rep. Serrano's Congressional Website, <http://ow.ly/yRFrA>)

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.

Jose E. Serrano (Dem):

Republicans have again demanded unpopular cuts that disproportionately hurt working families and retirees who have earned their retirement benefits," Congressman Serrano said. "The Administration should reject the Republicans' proposal of accepting minimal tax hikes for millionaires in exchange for substantial changes to Medicare that make our elderly less secure. reject House Republican efforts to raise the Medicare eligibility age during ongoing debt negotiations. (Source: Rep. Sarrano's Congressional Website, <http://ow.ly/yRGDP>)

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.

Jose E. Serrano (Dem):

Congressman Serrano has been supportive of efforts to extend and enhance unemployment benefits for those who are looking for work...He supported important tax incentives in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act that expand opportunities for working families. These include: strengthening of the child tax credit, which provides families with tax credits for children, the Making Work Pay Tax Credit, which has provided immediate tax relief by lowering taxes withheld in each paycheck, and the American Opportunity Tax Credit, which expands tax credits that individuals can claim for post-secondary education. (Source: Congressman Jose Serrano, <http://ow.ly/citlP>)



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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