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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.

HAVING TROUBLE CUTTING THROUGH THE POLITICAL CAMPAIGN CLUTTER?

AARP is committed to helping you get the facts you need to choose candidates who reflect your views and values. We are nonpartisan – we don't support or oppose any political candidates or contribute any money to campaigns or political action committees. Our priority is ensuring you know where the candidates stand before you cast your vote.



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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.

James M. Fischer (Rep):

Jim is committed to working with members of both parties to find solutions to the main drivers of our debt: Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid (Source: Fischer for Congress, <http://ow.ly/yRScd>)

Paul D. Tonko (Dem):

Social Security is a bedrock promise that is earned with a lifetime of hard work, and has kept millions of seniors out of poverty. I am committed to preserving the economic security of our seniors by protecting and strengthening Social Security, and fighting efforts to privatize the program. (Source: Congressman Paul Tonko, <http://ow.ly/bPKCz>)

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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Paul D. Tonko (Dem):

Medicare has played an enormous role in dramatically reducing the poverty rate among seniors, and has significantly extended the life expectancy of Capital Region residents and all Americans. Creating Medicare was a great achievement for the Democratic Party, and I remain committed to strengthening Medicare. (Source: Congressman Paul Tonko, <http://ow.ly/bPLiJ>)

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.

James M. Fischer (Rep):

As a small business owner for over 24 years, Jim has a first-hand understanding of the challenges small businesses face in the current economy. Jim will fight for a pro-growth economic agenda that will create good-paying jobs, raise wages, reduce dependency on government programs and lower our deficit. Jim understands that only sustained economic growth will enable us to maintain our standard of living and finance our social safety net. (Source: Fischer for Congress, <http://ow.ly/yRScd>)

Paul D. Tonko (Dem):

He fought to increase LIHEAP funding so families did not have to choose between buying food and heating their homes. And he helped pass strict oversight regulation of the financial industry, eliminating "golden parachutes" for irresponsible corporate executives. Paul is working to protect our local jobs and create more green-collar jobs. (Source: Paul Tonko for Congress, <http://ow.ly/bPLJm>)



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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