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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.

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Dan Maffei (Dem):

"Social Security and Medicare are essential to the retirement security of Americans, and must be preserved and strengthened for future generations. I will oppose any and all attempts to privatize or weaken these programs." (Source: Dan Maffei for Congress, <http://ow.ly/bGN7Y>)

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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Social Security and Medicare are essential to the retirement security of Americans, and must be preserved and strengthened for future generations...I strongly oppose...a privatized voucher program that could create terrible hardship for seniors on fixed incomes... Whatever minor adjustments are made to modernize these programs so that they keep up with changing times should not alter their fundamental nature. After a lifetime of work, Medicare and Social Security are hard-earned rights that must never be taken away. (Source: Dan Maffei for Congress, <http://ow.ly/bGN7Y>)

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.

John M. Katko (Rep):

Congress must reverse failed economic policies... by reducing government-imposed barriers to hiring. Employers must be given the certainty they're seeking in order to invest in new operations and new employees. John believes that Central New Yorkers, not Washington insiders, know what is best for them. And he knows that economic prosperity will come not from taking more money out of the pockets of hard-working Americans, but through pro-growth economic policies that strengthen the middle class. (Source: Katko for Congress, <http://ow.ly/yRWzw>)

Dan Maffei (Dem):

When it comes to tax reform and balancing the budget, we should first look at closing tax loopholes for corporations that ship jobs overseas, and focus on job creation, here. (Source: Dan Maffei for Congress, <http://ow.ly/bGMVs>)



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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