



US House North Carolina District 1

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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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.

G.K. Butterfield Jr. (Dem):

More and more Americans fear that they will not be able to retire at all or maintain a decent lifestyle while in retirement. Expanding Social Security is one option that may be able to put retirement in reach for hardworking Americans. I am open to considering and supporting all common sense proposals that will strengthen and preserve Social Security now and for future generations. (Source: Indy Week, <http://ow.ly/xoes7>)

Arthur J. Rich (Rep):

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

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.

G.K. Butterfield Jr. (Dem):

The creation of Medicare and Medicaid has shielded generations from catastrophic medical bills and provided security for vulnerable and disadvantaged citizens when they become sick. ...I challenge my colleagues to work together to strengthen Medicare and Medicaid so millions of American households continue to have access to lifesaving healthcare. (Source: Butterfield.House.Gov, <http://ow.ly/xodGG>)

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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.

G.K. Butterfield Jr. (Dem):

Sustaining long-term growth will depend heavily on the nation's ability to train a new generation workers for highly skilled and technical jobs. ...Over the next 10 years, nearly half of all U.S. job openings will be for positions which require more than a high school diploma but less than a four-year college degree. Many of those job openings will be in high-tech industries ranging from health care to aerospace. ...Congress must invest in education, infrastructure, and training programs that have traditionally laid the groundwork for robust economic growth and high levels of employment. (Source: Butterfield.House.Gov, <http://ow.ly/xogBu>)

Arthur J. Rich (Rep):

Medical costs have skyrocketed along with everyday expenses such as: housing, food and energy inflating at a rate that most Americans can't keep pace with ...For many retirees and social security recipients, the golden years have become "age of survival". Political leadership has been replaced by partisanship and ideologies that offer nothing but media hype at a time when hope for all should be foremost on agendas. To paraphrase an old song, "Shove this job, we'll take it". Job development should be the foremost objective of all political, business and civic leaders at this time. (Source: Rich Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/xomxo>)



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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