



US House North Carolina District 2

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.

Clay H. Aiken (Dem):

Social Security benefits are a vital part of our commitment to seniors, and we must protect and expand these benefits. ...Among the components that should be considered are a change in the way that inflation (called "chained CPI") is calculated, progressive reforms to the payroll tax, and protections for low-income families and the elderly. Even the Bowles-Simpson plan, which would sharply cut benefits, called for revenue-raising reforms to the payroll tax. I would strongly oppose any effort to solve the long-term shortfall in Social Security by cutting benefits alone. (Source: Indy Week, <http://ow.ly/xoviz>)

Renee L. Ellmers (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.

Clay H. Aiken (Dem):

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Renee L. Ellmers (Rep):

This morning I was proud to vote for legislation that will repeal and replace Medicare's flawed Sustainable Growth Rate... For far too long we have passed temporary patches, leaving Medicare patients to fear the loss of their doctors and providers... We are providing a long-overdue solution for Medicare's payment system, while also replacing it with a system that focuses on quality, value, and accountability. I've heard from numerous doctors and health care professionals in my district who tell me that they cannot provide adequate care to their patients because of the uncertainty and flaws in the current SGR formula. (Source: Ellmers.House.Gov, <http://ow.ly/xoqPL>)

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.

Clay H. Aiken (Dem):

As your next Congressman I will work to promote innovation, entrepreneurs, and small businesses. We need to make sure that regulations are appropriate to scale and that we focus our energy on the entrepreneurs who create the jobs of tomorrow. I grew up around small businesses in North Carolina and I know how important they are to the economy of small towns and cities across our state. We need to focus our energy on policies that promote economic growth and return money to the pockets of the middle class who buy the products that power our economic engine. (Source: Clayaiken.com, <http://ow.ly/xozbb>)

Renee L. Ellmers (Rep):

...Any budget proposal needs to rein in spending now so that we stop borrowing 42 cents of every dollar we spend. This is ruinous for our future and history has shown it does not create jobs. Instead, we need to shrink the size of the federal government by eliminating and curtailing programs that can be more appropriately handled by the private sector so that government can concentrate on areas where federal action is appropriate, like national defense and home land security. ...Our budget needs to provide an economic model that spends within our means and seeks private sector solutions to build a strong economy. (Source: Ellmers.House.Gov, <http://ow.ly/xotDd>)



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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