



## US House North Carolina District 5

### **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.

### **Joshua E. Brannon (Dem):**

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

### **Virginia A. Foxx (Rep):**

...Instead of simply continuing with temporary patches to stave off short-term problems or increasing taxes..., now is the time for Congress to make the decisions necessary to secure the future of Social Security for the retirees of today and tomorrow. That's why I support comprehensive Social Security reform which guarantees people the money they paid into the system instead of continuing to allow the government to squander the money on unrelated priorities... Retirees of today and tomorrow deserve to know that their benefits are secure rather than being subject to the political whims of Washington. (Source: Foxx.House.Gov, <http://ow.ly/xoQCQ>)

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## **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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"Power to the Patients" is the GOP Medicare mantra. Our reforms will ensure the current Medicare program continues for all today's seniors. For future beneficiaries, Medicare will be patterned after the highly successful Medicare Advantage program. Future seniors will have the option to choose between traditional Medicare and a wide variety of competitive health plans (the same ones available to members of Congress), and apply premium assistance toward enrollment costs. This is the only credible proposal on the table that would preserve Medicare, get its finances in order, and ensure its viability for years to come. (Source: Foxx.House.Gov, <http://ow.ly/xoQCQ>)

## **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.

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When American workers and small businesses look to Washington for help, they aren't asking for more micromanagement, a federal health care takeover or a continuation of failed policies. They are asking for a leaner more responsive government that works for them. Reforming our laws, tax code and regulations to encourage job growth and strengthen America's standing in the global economy are things both parties should agree on... Working families, small business job creators and unemployed North Carolinians are at the forefront of my mind as I work on these issues in Congress. (Source: Foxx.House.Gov, <http://ow.ly/xoT9Z>)



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.

To find out more about these issues and voting information, please visit [aarp.org/yourvote](http://aarp.org/yourvote).

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