



## US House North Carolina District 10

### **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.

### **Tate MacQueen IV (Dem):**

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

### **Patrick T. McHenry (Rep):**

As the program currently exists, it will go completely bankrupt in 2041 - the year Congressman McHenry is eligible to collect benefits! The Congressman believes in transforming and modernizing the Social Security system - as many industrialized countries have done - to allow younger workers to control a portion of their Social Security taxes into a nest egg that they can pass on to their children and grandchildren. Just like federal workers invest their pensions into safe market options, younger workers should be able to do the same. This will keep the system solvent for decades to come. (Source: house.gov; <http://ow.ly/cyjAa>)

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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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We have to look at is whether the money is being spent effectively and there are some areas within Medicare with waste and fraud abuse - that's where you have to look when you start any government reform. We have to make sure we reform these systems and keep in touch with what is modern-day healthcare and rather than being short-sighted, look at the long-term effects, making sure people have insurance, that people have good prescription drugs and are healthier at a younger age to save money over their lifetime.(Source: house.gov; <http://ow.ly/cyjI1>)

## **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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We should encourage retirement savings, not penalize it with repressive taxation. Retirement savings account for nearly 40% of all household financial assets in the United States. When you raise taxes on investments, you're dealing a serious blow to retirement security in America. You're attacking the financial well-being of millions of retirees and people who are living on fixed incomes. (Source: Mchenry.house.gov, <http://ow.ly/xphEf>)



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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