



## US House Ohio District 2

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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.

### **Marek Tyszkiewicz (Dem):**

As a pension actuary, Marek understands the complex issues around funding Social Security. Current actuarial projections show that in as early as 20 years (19 years by the time this election is over) Social Security may run out of money to pay full benefits. The earlier we address the shortfall, the less painful it will be. Integrity means keeping your promises to seniors and everyone else who's paid into the system. It's time we create a plan to ensure you and your children receive the benefits earned. (Source: Electintegrity.com, <http://goo.gl/ANiFRE>)

### **Brad R. Wenstrup (Rep):**

We need to maintain a strong and viable Social Security and Medicare program for our seniors. ...For far too long, politicians have failed to be honest about the fiscal state of Medicare and Social Security. ...Rising health care costs and an aging population are threatening to bankrupt these vital programs. ...In order to ensure that Medicare and Social Security remain viable for both today and tomorrow's seniors, I believe we need to preserve these programs for those in or near retirement and reform them for younger generations by increasing competition and empowering individuals to have more control over their care. (Source: House Site, <http://goo.gl/65mKux>)

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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.

### **Marek Tyszkiewicz (Dem):**

There are plenty of issues that are important to citizens in Brown County, and Tyszkiewicz said that there's no one issue he's focusing on, and that he's going to try and help make college more affordable, funding Social Security and Medicare, and get veterans their benefits immediately instead of after a waiting period. (Source: Time Gazette, <http://ow.ly/yY17Z>)

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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.

### **Marek Tyszkiewicz (Dem):**

How do we do fix our economy and bring back our middle class? Keynesian economics brought back our economy after the Great Depression. It taught us that in times of recession, the government can create jobs by investing in our crumbling infrastructure. Times like this are when need to get more money in the pockets of working folks so they can afford food and medicine, and when they spend this money, the entire economy improves. (Source: Electintegrity.com, <http://goo.gl/ANiFRE>)

### **Brad R. Wenstrup (Rep):**

The people of our district have been hit hard by the economic crisis, but they are willing, able, and they want to work. As a doctor and small business owner, one of my top priorities during the 113th Congress will be to lower taxes and lessen the regulations that are strangling our small businesses. The best thing the federal government can do to create jobs in Ohio is to get out of the way and provide the certainty our small businesses need to invest and create jobs. Ohio's 2nd District is open for business! (Source: Wenstrup Congressional Website, <http://ow.ly/yc6MS>)



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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