



US House Ohio 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.

Robert L. Fry (Dem):

Someone needs to...speak up for those people who have worked their entire lives that are on social security and ...say no you're not going to cut it... you're not going to make us pay more for Medicare because we can't afford it. We have worked our entire lives there are times we have lived when we were 87, 88 years old and our house needs a new roof on it and we need to be able to pay for that we need to be able to survive where we are. ...Seniors are hurting they're not only hurting, they're worried. (Source: Fry Advertisement, <http://goo.gl/nRYjFW>)

Bob E. Latta (Rep):

The possibility of denying Social Security checks is a betrayal to seniors. President Obama should focus on cutting frivolous government spending and allowing seniors to keep their retirement money. Now is the time to cut and cap federal spending and balance the budget, so we can prevent future threats on today's and tomorrow's seniors. (Source: Vote Smart, <http://ow.ly/yc5tp>)

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.

Robert L. Fry (Dem):

I promised to advocate for seniors and protect their hard-earned Social Security and Medicare benefits they worked hard for and earned. Our nation made that promise to its people when those historic laws were enacted, and we have a moral responsibility to honor our promises and keep our commitments. I'm determined to make Congress keep that promise. (Source: Robert Fry's Facebook, <http://ow.ly/yc9KY>)

Bob E. Latta (Rep):

"...Seniors throughout the country and in my home state of Ohio have come to rely on the benefits provided in the Medicare Advantage program..." Medicare Advantage is an alternative to traditional Medicare that offers ... seniors flexible, affordable healthcare coverage. It is an extremely important program for seniors living in rural areas. In December, Congressman Latta ... sent a letter to CMS Administrator Marilyn Tavener, expressing concern about the cuts to the Medicare Advantage program. The letter also requested further clarification as to how these cuts would be phased in and the impacts they would have Ohio's seniors... (Source: Latta.House.Gov, <http://goo.gl/RTyFHs>)

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.

Robert L. Fry (Dem):

...we as Americans and here in Northwest Ohio were in the midst of an economic crisis just short of a major depression. The American Dream had slipped out of the hands of many. Restoring the basic values that built America will allow us to reclaim that dream, turn an idea into a business, care for our families, afford our homes in Northwest Ohio, and simply, pay our bills. An economy that isn't built from the top down, but rather through a flourishing middle class will act as a ladder for those who want to rise up from poverty. (Source: Fry for Congress, <http://ow.ly/zoks2>)

Bob E. Latta (Rep):

"As I meet with business owners throughout the Fifth Congressional District of Ohio, I hear the same concerns of burdensome government regulations, high taxes, an intrusive healthcare law, and the of a lack domestic energy policy," said Congressman Latta. "Creating jobs and returning our country back on a road to economic prosperity is my top priority. More federal government intervention in our nation's businesses, small and large, will not move our sluggish economy forward." (Source: Lattaforcongress.com, <http://goo.gl/kECCLv>)



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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