



## US House Ohio District 7

### **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.

### **HAVING TROUBLE CUTTING THROUGH THE POLITICAL CAMPAIGN CLUTTER?**

AARP is committed to helping you get the facts you need to choose candidates who reflect your views and values. We are nonpartisan – we don't support or oppose any political candidates or contribute any money to campaigns or political action committees. Our priority is ensuring you know where the candidates stand before you cast your vote.



[aarp.org/yourvote](https://aarp.org/yourvote)

## **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.

### **Bob B. Gibbs (Rep):**

I am committed that both Social Security and Medicare will be there for seniors and future retiree's. We need to ensure that benefits are protected and that taxes and the retirement age are not increased. We have a responsibility and a commitment to seniors to fund our obligation to them and not place the system in jeopardy by moving away from the current program to privatization of the system. (Source: Bob Gibbs 2010 Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/cr1q3>)

---

## **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.

### **Bob B. Gibbs (Rep):**

Gibbs said under Ryan's modified plan, recipients could stay on the current Medicare plan or buy private insurance, which he says would result in competition that would drive down costs and Medicare would directly pay an amount of "premium support," based on the recipient's income, to the insurer. Gibbs said he also opposes raising the eligibility age for Medicare and Social Security for those who'll retire within 10 years, but he would not rule out supporting raising the age for those who are younger. (Source: Canton Rep, <http://ow.ly/ycbJj>)

## **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.

### **Bob B. Gibbs (Rep):**

...Washington doesn't create jobs; businesses, innovators, and risk takers create jobs. That is why we need to change the status quo in Washington and create a pro-growth environment for businesses to invest in our communities and hire the workers that are the key to turning this economy around. ...That is why I am focusing on four critical areas in order to turn this economy around. 1. Get Federal Spending Under Control 2. Commonsense regulatory reform 3. Real Tax reform for our families and job creators 4. An energy policy that encourages responsible development of our own natural resources (Source: Gibbs Campaign Website, <http://goo.gl/N1zfrG>)



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).

## Voter Information Inside

NONPROFIT  
ORGANIZATION  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
AARP

601 E Street NW  
Washington, DC 20049

