



US House Ohio District 12

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.

David A. Tibbs (Dem):

If The Social Security System needed funding, there are plenty of ways we can fund it by balancing other aspects of taxes [...]. But the remarkable thing is that Social Security doesn't need funding. It's self-funded, and in good shape. The only reason potential changes to Social Security are on the radar is because this congress is hell-bent on privatizing everything possible. They don't care if your retirement is a gamble based on the ups and downs of the stock market. If elected, I'll do all I can to protect Social Security and to expose those who will compromise your retirement for a few campaign dollars. (Source: Tibbs Campaign Site, <http://ow.ly/xAKm1>)

Pat J. Tiberi (Rep):

[...] Social Security reform is an issue we have to tackle. [...] If we do nothing to change the situation, we will at that point will be left with some ugly choices: Raise taxes, cut benefits, raise the retirement age, or a combination. While I am not committed to any one type of [...] reform, I support proposals to allow individuals to voluntarily contribute up to 2% of the money they pay in Social Security payroll taxes to individual accounts. [...] I am committed to maintaining the solvency of the Social Security Trust Fund and ensuring Social Security recipients continue to receive the benefits to which they are entitled. (Source: Tiberi.House.Gov, <http://ow.ly/xADIO>)

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.

David A. Tibbs (Dem):

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

Pat J. Tiberi (Rep):

Our nation's seniors deserve the best and most comprehensive care possible. Congress has taken steps in recent years to reform and improve Medicare and create a benefit structure that responds more effectively to the health care needs and issues facing seniors in the 21st century. It's important that Congress works to keep Medicare modern and responsive as innovations in health care continue. (Source: Patrick Tiberi House Website, <http://ow.ly/csOvg>)

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.

David A. Tibbs (Dem):

The Tibbs for Congress Platform is all about abundant communities, and meaningful work is at their heart. We have an opportunity to create jobs and meaningful work around all sorts of human need on the local level. Food, clothing, shelter, energy - notice that these are our ongoing requirements for life. By localizing the growth of these endeavors, we create jobs. And not just jobs, but jobs with meaning. This, of course, is a huge transition, and will not be accomplished overnight. But it can be accomplished through working together for this common goal. (Source: Tibbs Campaign Site, <http://ow.ly/xALcC>)

Pat J. Tiberi (Rep):

The Older Americans Act, originally enacted in 1965, is the major vehicle that funds federal programs and state and local grants for social and nutritional services for the country's seniors. Congressman Tiberi wrote and sponsored the reauthorization bill that further streamlined existing programs and added measures that strengthened services to help individuals stay in their own homes rather than move to institutional care, while improving their quality of life. (Source: [Tiberi.house.gov, http://ow.ly/xABUG](http://ow.ly/xABUG))



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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