



## US House Ohio District 14

### **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.

### **Dave P. Joyce (Rep):**

We need to put the unemployed back to work and protect Medicare and Social Security. (Source: Cleveland.com, <http://ow.ly/xAH5s>)

### **Michael Wager (Dem):**

For more than 75 years, Social Security has been a testament to one of America's greatest periods of determination and resilience. As Americans struggled through the Great Depression, President Franklin Roosevelt worked with Congress and together they enacted Social Security to provide vital benefits to retirees, widows and people with disabilities. Fifty-five million Americans currently receive Social Security benefits. I support honest dialogue regarding Social Security in order to protect and sustain this essential program, without privatization. (Source: Wager Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/xAHUX>)

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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.

### **Dave P. Joyce (Rep):**

America's seniors have earned their Medicare and it is crucial that we ensure they receive their rightful Medicare benefits. According to the President's own Medicare actuaries, the Medicare trust fund will go bankrupt by 2024. I will work with my colleagues in Congress to ensure that the Medicare promise will be there for all seniors. (Source: Joyce.House.Gov, <http://ow.ly/xAGDK>)

### **Michael Wager (Dem):**

Before Medicare, nearly half of America's retirees were uninsured. Today, Medicare provides access to meaningful health coverage to more than 45 million seniors. Congress must preserve and strengthen Medicare so that beneficiaries today — and in the future — will never worry about how to pay for their basic healthcare. Medicare's viability requires fiscally responsible reforms. I support such reforms as well as initiatives to make prescription drugs more affordable for all Americans, including greater accessibility to generic drugs and the closing of the Medicare Part D "donut hole." (Source: Wager Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/xAl4d>)

## **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.

### **Dave P. Joyce (Rep):**

For too long, regulations and taxes coming out of Washington have discouraged job growth. It is well overdue that Washington get out of the way and allow Ohio businesses to do what they do best: create jobs. Additionally, we must address our nation's growing debt crisis, which breeds economic uncertainty and discourages job growth. It is my number one priority to do everything possible to encourage job creation and economic growth in Northeast Ohio, including fighting for lower taxes and against unnecessary regulations that inhibit the growth of small business. (Source: Joyce.House.Gov, <http://ow.ly/xAHGN>)

### **Michael Wager (Dem):**

Michael supports hiring tax credits and small business tax cuts, as well as increased funding for community banks that lend to small business, allowing those businesses invest in new facilities and equipment and to hire more workers. Congress must stop tax incentives for companies that send American jobs overseas, and needs to stand up to unfair trade practices, including Chinese currency manipulation. Michael also supports the extension of unemployment insurance as an interim measure to help unemployed workers provide for their families. (Source: Wager Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/xAIw7>)



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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