



US House Oregon District 1

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.

Suzanne Bonamici (Dem):

I stand firm in my belief that we must not allow Social Security and Medicare to be privatized or compromised. ...There are sensible reforms that can be made to strengthen and stabilize these programs while protecting and preserving Medicare and Social Security for current and future recipients. For example, eliminating Medicare fraud and permitting Medicare to negotiate drug prices are two ways to save money without taking benefits away from seniors. Further, raising the payroll tax cap on wages, currently set at \$110,100, is an alternative that protects beneficiaries while bolstering the trust fund. (Source: Congressional Site, <http://ow.ly/xlnCY>)

Jason Yates (Rep):

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

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.

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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.

Suzanne Bonamici (Dem):

Too many families are underwater on their mortgages and many people, including families with children, have lost their homes. ...We need to explore policies that will help homeowners stay in their homes while the economy is recovering. I am committed to working with my colleagues in Congress and with advocates and the industry to address this important issue... Additionally I am supporting legislation to extend the availability of USDA home loans in rural communities. The USDA program has helped with homeownership in rural towns across the country and in Oregon for years... (Source: Donamici.House.gov, <http://ow.ly/xlprx>)

Jason Yates (Rep):

Jason is dedicated to establishing a productive business environment that promotes innovation and expansion of employment opportunities. Jason understands that Oregon is in competition with 49 other states for business recruitment and he's committed to removing barriers to business and establishing Oregon as the nation's premier entrepreneurial destination. ...When taxes and fees are increased, spending, hiring, and investments decrease. Jason is determined to resist policies that hinder economic progress because he sees the importance of maintaining Oregon as a viable option to locate and operate a business. (Source: Oregon Votes, <http://ow.ly/xlt5Q>)



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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