



US House Oregon District 4

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.

Peter A. DeFazio (Dem):

Congressman DeFazio has consistently supported efforts to protect Social Security benefits for seniors and restore the long-term solvency of the program. DeFazio has long opposed privatizing Social Security which could divert Social Security revenues to risky Wall Street accounts and he is opposed to raising the retirement age or reducing benefits. DeFazio introduced legislation to preserve the Social Security Trust Fund by closing a tax loophole so millionaires pay the same percentage of their salaries into Social Security as average American workers. (Source: Defazio.house.gov, <http://ow.ly/xm48l>)

Arthur B. Robinson (Rep):

In addition, [Social Security and Medicare] must be changed so that future payments by workers are saved - not looted. Also, it may be wise to make future participation voluntary. ...With voluntary participation, career politicians could not loot the program because such actions would motivate people to avoid it. ...Art Robinson will vote to stop this looting and to honor, in every respect, the contracts with Social Security and Medicare recipients - including a large increase in payments to compensate for the ravages of inflation, which have been largely ignored. (Source: Artforcongress.com, <http://ow.ly/xmgOY>)

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.

Peter A. DeFazio (Dem):

DeFazio has successfully opposed efforts to privatize Medicare and lessen benefits for seniors. Medicare was created because, at their age and with their pre-existing conditions, seniors could not purchase an affordable private health insurance plan. As a result health care costs were driving American seniors into financial ruin, often forcing them into poverty. DeFazio is opposed to any plan that brings those days back for current or future retirees. ...Proposals that simply reallocate costs to seniors would not lower health care costs; it would simply shift the costs onto seniors. (Source: Defazio.house.gov, <http://ow.ly/xm5zP>)

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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.

Peter A. DeFazio (Dem):

Congressman DeFazio has made it a priority to come up with legislation that will actually put Oregonians back to work and restore America's economy. ...He co-authored a transportation bill that would bring back millions of private sector jobs that cannot be exported to China or anywhere else. ...[This] legislation would put millions of Americans to work on projects updating our decrepit transportation infrastructure. This investment would provide for private much needed sector jobs in construction, engineering, design, manufacturing, shipping, and have a significant job multiplier effect. (Source: Defazio.house.gov, <http://ow.ly/xm8JT>)

Arthur B. Robinson (Rep):

We must get the dead hand of government regulation, taxation, and overspending... ..off the backs of the American people so that our jobs will return and our people can prosper. Each dollar spent in our economy is earned by someone's useful productive work. ...[Wealth] can only be created by hard working Americans. Regulations also stand between American workers and the natural resources they need to produce useful products. Federal regulations have placed a very large part of our country's abundant mineral, energy, timber, and agricultural resources beyond the reach of our industries and workers. (Source: Artforcongress.com, <http://ow.ly/xmlGD>)



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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