



## US House Pennsylvania 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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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.



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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.

### **Robert A. Brady (Dem):**

I am working every day on behalf of America's seniors to rebuild our economy, strengthen Social Security and Medicare, and protect our seniors from predatory financial schemes. (Source: [Brady.house.gov](http://Brady.house.gov), <http://ow.ly/xwFjR>)

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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.

### **Robert A. Brady (Dem):**

...I will continue to oppose any and all efforts meant to weaken or destroy seniors' Medicare guarantee. ...The Affordable Care Act makes Medicare stronger by extending the program's solvency without cutting guaranteed benefits. It lowers the costs of prescription drugs for seniors by beginning to close the Medicare Part D donut hole (seniors have already started receiving \$250 rebate checks to help with their drug costs), eliminates cost-sharing for preventive care, strengthens access to doctors, and improves care coordination. (Source: [Brady.house.gov](http://Brady.house.gov), <http://ow.ly/xwFjR>)

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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.

### **Robert A. Brady (Dem):**

I am working every day on behalf of America's seniors to rebuild our economy, strengthen Social Security and Medicare, and protect our seniors from predatory financial schemes. With a strong foundation, we can rebuild this economy to work for seniors and the middle class, instead of for CEOs and multinational corporations. Over the last few years, I have been actively working for the seniors in our community. I remain dedicated to our seniors, and look forward continuing the progress made in the 111th Congress. (Source: [Brady.house.gov](http://ow.ly/xwFjR), <http://ow.ly/xwFjR>)

### **Megan A. Rath (Rep):**

The best way to help families in Philadelphia and Delaware County succeed is to drive industry to our district. This district needs all kinds of jobs — now Philadelphia sits at an integral location on the East Coast. We can leverage our port, waterways, airport, highways, and railways to bring more jobs to our community. As your Congresswoman, I will work to improve this critical infrastructure. I will also work to ensure that our region remains competitive by working together with unions to bring new businesses to Philadelphia, and by working with the state and city to ensure that our tax burden is competitive as well. (Source: [Meganforcongress.com](http://ow.ly/xwJRM), <http://ow.ly/xwJRM>)



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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