



## US House Pennsylvania District 11

### **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.

### **Lou J. Barletta (Rep):**

I strongly believe that benefits should be protected, the retirement age should not be raised, and taxes should not be increased on current enrollees because doing any of those things would alter the terms of the agreement between our nation and seniors. I'm ready to stand up and fight to protect your Social Security in Congress. [...] •I oppose any attempt to privatize Social Security. Anyone who says I do is lying. I want to make it absolutely clear: I am against privatizing Social Security. •I'm against personal Social Security savings accounts. (Source: Loubarletta.com, <http://ow.ly/xzDUz>)

### **Andrew J. Ostrowski (Dem):**

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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.

### **Lou J. Barletta (Rep):**

Each year, there's more than \$60 billion in Medicare fraud and abuse. This abuse raises the cost of the program – and hurts seniors who rely on Medicare. I support legislation currently before Congress that would prevent Medicare abuse. This legislation can save an estimated \$65 billion to \$100 billion over the next 10 years... (Source: Loubarletta.com, <http://ow.ly/xzDUz>)

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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.

### **Lou J. Barletta (Rep):**

[...]Within the next decade, older Americans are expected to make up as much as one-quarter of the workforce. As more and more seniors delay retirement or transition back to work, we must remove barriers to economic growth and job creation that lead to a "jobless recovery" and fewer positions for all job-seekers. Programs that encourage unemployed workers to engage in education and training as a condition of receiving benefits can be especially helpful to seniors who seek to adapt a lifetime of skills to the changing employment landscape. (Source: Loubarletta.com, <http://ow.ly/xzDUz>)

### **Andrew J. Ostrowski (Dem):**

I believe in true free enterprise and believe our innovators and entrepreneurs, who put their personal fortunes on the line and bear all responsibility for their successes and failings should not be burdened with greater taxes and regulations. They should be free to pursue their dreams in the truest spirit of free enterprise there is, and bear the same responsibility to pay taxes as any other private citizen. I believe that there needs to be serious reform in the way the large, mutli-national corporations are treated, and that corporate welfare needs serious attention, as set forth elsewhere on this site... (Source: Ostrowskiforcongress.com, <http://ow.ly/xzHB7>)



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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