



## US House Pennsylvania District 12

### **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.

### **Erin R. McClelland (Dem):**

We solve medical errors, we can use the savings to rebuild Social Security and Medicare (Source: Erin McClelland's twitter, <http://ow.ly/zG3zL>)

### **Keith J. Rothfus (Rep):**

Social Security is an important source of financial support and economic security for seniors. While reforms are necessary to ensure Social Security's sustainability, it is important that we hold the government accountable and make sure that it is able to honor the commitments it has made to our nation's seniors. Congress should work on bipartisan solutions to strengthen and secure Social Security for current and future seniors. (Source: Rothfus.house.gov, <http://ow.ly/xzInR>)

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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.

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Medicare is critically important for seniors by providing health care coverage. Congress must work to strengthen and secure Medicare so that it is there for future generations. [...]Any plan to save Medicare would include common-sense, patient-centered solutions that offer choices to seniors and ensure that they have access to the care they need. We also need to grow a healthier economy so that we have the money needed to pay for Medicare and other critical social safety net programs. (Source: Rothfus.house.gov, <http://ow.ly/xzIUP>)

## **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.

### **Erin R. McClelland (Dem):**

As a small business owner, entrepreneur, and the daughter of a nurse and a utility lineman, I know well the struggles we face and the pride we feel in a hard day's work that provides for our families. I also know that the greatest weapon in our country's economic arsenal is the purchasing power of a vibrant and growing American middle class. As your voice in Congress, I'll fight to make sure our region has stable, well-paying jobs and successful small businesses that create and support that middle class. (Source: Erin14.com, <http://ow.ly/xzLQx>)

### **Keith J. Rothfus (Rep):**

Too many Western Pennsylvanians and other Americans are unemployed, underemployed, or have given up looking for work. As I travel the district, I meet workers, job seekers, and small business owners in coffee shops and at events. They are concerned about jobs and the economic security of their families. Washington can help to grow a healthier economy and add jobs by unleashing the ingenuity and potential of the American people. To do that, Congress and President Obama must work together to balance the budget, reform the tax code, reduce excessive government regulations, and expand domestic energy production. (Source: Rothfus.house.gov, <http://ow.ly/xzK8Z>)



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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