



US House Pennsylvania District 14

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.

Mike F. Doyle Jr. (Dem):

Some ... have raised the idea of reducing guaranteed Social Security benefits for future generations and creating risky private accounts where individuals' retirement savings would be gambled on Wall Street investments. I have opposed such proposals. [...] Major benefit cuts aren't necessary to make Social Security Solvent in perpetuity, and [I] adamantly oppose Social Security benefit cuts. I also believe that Congress needs to re-examine the way it measures the cost of living for seniors to ...assure that Social Security beneficiaries receive fairer cost of living adjustments in the future. (Source: [Mikedoyleforcongress.com, http://ow.ly/xzRhQ](http://ow.ly/xzRhQ))

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.

Mike F. Doyle Jr. (Dem):

I have strongly supported the Medicare program in its original form throughout my service in Congress, and I will continue to do so. I also support Medicare Advantage programs that are able to provide all of Medicare's guaranteed benefits as well as additional health and wellness benefits paid for with savings that private insurers have achieved by increased efficiencies. I promise both senior citizens and younger Americans that I will work to preserve Medicare in its original form [...] and that I will work hard to ensure that all Americans, regardless of age, are guaranteed affordable high quality health care. (Source: [Mikedoyleforcongress.com, http://ow.ly/xzRhQ](http://ow.ly/xzRhQ))

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.

Mike F. Doyle Jr. (Dem):

I am well aware that the cost of living for older Americans has risen significantly. Consequently, I believe the federal government should act to help senior citizens struggling to get by on fixed incomes to deal with the rising cost of health care and other goods and services. I have consistently supported efforts to help older Americans who have been hard-hit by the current economic downturn like, for example, giving several \$250 payments to Social Security beneficiaries. (Source: Mike Doyle Campaign Website; <http://ow.ly/cnUwc>)



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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