



US House Pennsylvania District 15

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.

Charlie W. Dent (Rep):

I do not support privatizing Social Security. [...] I do support maintaining current benefits, strengthening the program for generations to come and getting all Americans back to work because a healthy economy will mean a brighter, more stable outlook for both Social Security... Ensuring the future of Social Security will need to be done in a bipartisan manner. I have two very straightforward principles when it comes to protecting Social Security. *Any action taken must not impact current retirees or near retirees (55 years of age and up). *Any action taken MUST be decisive. It must guarantee many decades of future solvency. (Source: Dent Campaign Site, <http://ow.ly/xA71E>)

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.

Charlie W. Dent (Rep):

One of the most serious problems with Medicare payment policy is the formula that determines physician payments, known as the SGR...Seniors will be the victims if physicians stop participating in Medicare. The physician payment policy must be reformed to ensure that seniors have access to physicians and to establish a system that pays for value and quality... Another contributor to unsustainable Medicare spending is waste, fraud and abuse. Reducing payment errors to Medicare providers and activities to prevent, detect, investigate, and ultimately prosecute health care fraud and abuse are critical. (Source: Charlie Dent House Website; <http://ow.ly/co5tQ>)

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.

Charlie W. Dent (Rep):

...I intend to focus my efforts on supporting and leading efforts to enact pro-growth, pro-jobs legislation. There's a straight-forward common sense way to do this. Here's how:
*Reform the tax code to make it fairer and simpler with less loopholes but with lower marginal rates across the board; *Rein-in government spending, address our long-term debt and place America on a sustainable fiscal path;
*Reverse the present Administration's restrictive energy policies and increase American energy production; *Create a better regulatory environment by cutting through the red tape that is strangling small business. (Source: Dentforcongress.com, <http://ow.ly/xA71E>)



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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