



US House Pennsylvania District 16

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.

Thomas D. Houghton (Dem):

AARP did extensive research but was unable to find any public statement on this issue by July 11, 2014.

Joe R. Pitts (Rep):

On Social Security, Pitts noted the program is scheduled to go bankrupt in 20 years without changes. He supports an initiative that would allow younger workers to invest a portion of the money they would eventually receive in the stock market. (Source: Lancaster Online, <http://ow.ly/xA9pB>)

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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[Our plan] will not change [Medicare] for those currently retired or nearly retired. Those Americans have already planned for their retirements, and we respect that. [...] Younger Americans would have the option of participating in a new premium support Medicare plan. These future retirees would be able to choose their health care plan, similar to the way federal employees [...] do right now. These plans would not be paid for with a voucher, as some are claiming. They would be supported by a direct payment from the government. [...] Under our plan, competition between plans would lower costs and increase efficiency. (Source: Pitts.House.Gov, <http://ow.ly/xAbF7>)

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.

Thomas D. Houghton (Dem):

As your representative, I will support strong public education, a strong economy and creating good, family sustaining jobs through cooperation between government and the private sector, agricultural policy that strengthens family farms and preserves our proud heritage, a social safety net that protects our family, friends and neighbors, including veterans and the elderly and most of all, a government that works effectively and efficiently for us and our families. (Source: Chescodems.org, <http://ow.ly/zAZoU>)

Joe R. Pitts (Rep):

I pushed hard for the law that now allows Americans to save more in 401(k)s, IRAs, and Section 529 college saving plans. But those options don't help a family that doesn't have enough money left at the end of the month to invest. That's why I believe so strongly in reducing taxes. We need trade policies, tax policies, and regulatory policies that will fire the engine of the American economy, while also keeping greed and irresponsibility from ruining things. (Source: Joseph Pitts Campaign Website; <http://ow.ly/co8SC>)



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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