



US House Pennsylvania District 18

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.

Tim F. Murphy (Rep):

Reform should not and cannot be done at the expense of senior citizens who are already at the age of retirement or receiving benefits. At the same time, if we do not act, Social Security won't be around for our children and grandchildren. The monthly Social Security check provides retirees with a stable retirement income and a level of protection against poverty. I will continue to fight any proposals which seek to privatize social security benefits, increase the retirement age, or reduce benefits. First and foremost, Congress must end the raid on the Trust Fund and get our fiscal house in order. (Source: Tim Murphy House Website; <http://ow.ly/cocve>)

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.

Tim F. Murphy (Rep):

As co-chair of the GOP Doctor's Caucus, I have been advocating for common-sense reforms to Medicare for years...It just doesn't make sense to pay for costly hospital visits and surgeries but not pay for the preventive and coordinated care necessary to keep seniors out of the hospital in the first place. Enacting simple reforms to Medicare would result in healthier seniors and save taxpayers billions. (Source: Tim Murphy House Website; <http://ow.ly/cocP9>)

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.

Tim F. Murphy (Rep):

Murphy has also supported legislation for a more equitable way to calculate the Social Security cost of living adjustment (COLA). In past years, the SSA announced there will be no COLA due to "falling consumer prices." However, the cost of living for those who typically have high medical expenses, like seniors and disabled veterans, has been skyrocketing. [...] Congressman Murphy co-sponsored the Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers Act, which would indicate the changes over time in expenditures typical for individuals aged 62 years and set a new rate relevant to seniors, instead of the population as a whole. (Source: [Murphy.house.gov](http://ow.ly/xAjEz), <http://ow.ly/xAjEz>)



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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