



## US House Tennessee District 9

### **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.

### **Charlotte Bergmann (Rep):**

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

### **Steve I. Cohen (Dem):**

I am proud to work in a Congress where, under Democratic leadership, ideas jeopardizing federal Social Security benefits through any sort of privatization effort are off the table. (Source: Cohen's Campaign Site, <http://ow.ly/xYqg>)

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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.

### **Charlotte Bergmann (Rep):**

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### **Steve I. Cohen (Dem):**

I have faithfully voted in favor of measures that aim to prevent severe cuts to Medicare reimbursement rates to our nation's doctors. I believe that physicians deserve to be reimbursed fairly for the care they provide, and my voting record reflects this... I am committed to ensuring that our nation's health care providers can continue to treat their Medicare patients, and I will continue to vote in favor of legislation that avoids these cuts. (Source: Cohen's Campaign Site, <http://ow.ly/xYpxj>)

## **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.

### **Charlotte Bergmann (Rep):**

Charlotte supports... A jobs and growth plan which returns the 9th District to robust job creation with a bold set of tax cuts and regulatory reforms that will free American entrepreneurs to invest and hire, as well as by seeking legislation to reform the Federal Reserve. (Source: Bergmann's Campaign Site, <http://ow.ly/xYqQR>)

### **Steve I. Cohen (Dem):**

Presently, I have introduced and am supporting numerous pieces of legislation that would encourage working families to build or maintain a nest-egg to help ensure seniors are able to reap the full benefits of a lifetime of work and service. (Source: Cohen's Campaign Site, <http://ow.ly/xYoqg>)



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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