



## US House Texas District 24

### **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.

### **Kenny E. Marchant (Rep):**

I am committed to protecting Social Security and Medicare for American seniors. I support improving the cost containment structures of each of these programs, so they allow seniors the ability to retire with dignity and security both now and in the future. (Source: Congressman Marchant's official site; <http://ow.ly/cl2We>)

### **Patrick F. McGehearty (Dem):**

There are a number of approaches to support the solid continuation of Social Security benefits for the lifetime of every American alive today. The simplest way would be to collect Social Security tax on all income, not just income less than \$117,000... We must make some changes to insure the younger generation is confident that Social Security will be there for them when their time comes. (Source: McGehearty Campaign Site <http://ow.ly/xZdlR>)

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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.

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Funding of Medicare is a more complex issue and is likely to require more complex solutions which must reach beyond partisanship. Whatever those solutions might be, I will not support turning Medicare into a voucher program where those with money can add to their vouchers to buy adequate health care while those without money are simply left to wither in the dark. (Source: McGehearty Campaign Site <http://ow.ly/xZdlR>)

## **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.

### **Kenny E. Marchant (Rep):**

As a member of the House Committee on Ways and Means, I am ideally positioned to help strengthen the economy with fiscally responsible legislation. A strong supporter of lowering taxes for families and small businesses, I believe tax relief not only increases investment opportunities but stimulates job growth and innovation. One of my top priorities in Congress is to reduce the national debt and balance the budget by cutting government spending. (Source: Congressman Marchant's official site; <http://ow.ly/cl37v>)

### **Patrick F. McGehearty (Dem):**

To get the positive job cycle going, we need to kick-start the economy. Infrastructure spending is the way to go, rebuilding our aging schools, roads, and bridges, as well as expanding our ports and airports. These projects will be funneled through the states to local businesses and local workers plus all the people that supply those workers. The Federal government can provide some emergency funding to the states to help restore teacher cutbacks caused by the weak economy. (Source: McGehearty Campaign Site <http://ow.ly/xZdFj>)



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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