



## **US House Texas District 25**

#### 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.

#### Marco Montoya (Dem):

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

#### **Roger Williams (Rep):**

We need to reform Social Security and give younger Americans the option to invest a portion of their payroll taxes... (Source: Roger Williams for Congress; http://ow.ly/cl489)

## **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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[...] We need to reform Medicare so that those who need it the most get direct payments that they can use to purchase private health insurance. (Source: Roger Williams for Congress; http://ow.ly/cl489)

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### **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.

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#### **Roger Williams (Rep):**

Not only do I believe that we need to lower taxes, I believe we need to utterly reform the tax code. As a business owner, I know how the current tax code costs money, time, and jobs. While adjustments can be made to help America be more competitive - such as reducing the corporate tax rate – what we truly need is to completely overhaul our tax code with a new system that is simple, fair, and pro-growth. In this regard, I favor either a Flat Tax or the consumption-based Fair Tax. (Source: Roger Williams for Congress; http://ow.ly/cl4o2)



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**.

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