



US House Texas District 29

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.

Gene Green (Dem):

I support balanced, common sense reforms that will sustain Social Security without jeopardizing our economy or the program as we know it. We need to make sure Social Security continues to provide the retirement safety net not only for our parent's generation, but also for our generation and our children's generation. I oppose drastic cuts or the privatization of Social Security because we could all lose that safety net. (Source: Congressman Green's official site; <http://ow.ly/cmKve>)

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.

Gene Green (Dem):

"Medicare was created in 1965 and has since been essential for seniors across the country," Green said. "I am working to protect those benefits and improve the program for all seniors." (Source: Chron.com; <http://ow.ly/cmKQ1>)

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.

Gene Green (Dem):

One of my top priorities in the House of Representatives is pushing for legislation that will strengthen and protect the American economy and increase our job base. The "Make It In America" program will put American jobs and American manufacturing front and center. The focus of this initiative is to support job creation today and in the future by encouraging businesses to make products and innovate in the United States and strengthen our country by investing in infrastructure and key sectors, such as education and energy. (Source: Congressman Green's official site; <http://ow.ly/cmLda>)



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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