



US House Virginia District 3

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.

Bobby C. Scott (Dem):

In Congress, Congressman Scott has opposed efforts to change the cost-of-living-adjustment formula from the current formula to a "chained-CPI" formula. Congressman Scott has also cosponsored legislation that would phase out the Social Security payroll tax cap... to ensure that wealthy Americans contribute more to the program to extend its solvency...Congressman Scott supports legislation that would improve Social Security benefits by using a cost-of-living-adjustment formula that actually keeps pace with the costs of consumer goods that seniors use more regularly than other Americans – the cost of health care. (Source: Scott's Congressional Site, <http://ow.ly/zHVgy>)

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.

Bobby C. Scott (Dem):

The Affordable Care Act, passed last year, made many important improvements to the Medicare program by taking steps to close the donut hole and providing for free preventive care. The law also extended the solvency of Medicare, which would have gone broke by 2016 without reform. Rep. Scott added, "We all know that the U.S. is facing difficult economic times and as a country we have tough decisions to make. The deficit must be addressed. However, it should be done in a way that protects the health and vitality of our citizens. We should not balance the budget on the backs of our nation's seniors and most vulnerable." (Source: Scott House Website, <http://ow.ly/z81So>)

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.

Bobby C. Scott (Dem):

Large and targeted investments in workforce development are long overdue and it is time that they are addressed in Washington. The perfect opportunity to do so is through reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), which expired in 2003. WIA is the main federal legislation that coordinates federal workforce development programs. Congressman Scott supports a reauthorization of WIA that will modernize the nation's workforce investment infrastructure and focus on creating jobs through strategic partnerships with in-demand sector employers, community colleges, labor organizations and non-profits...
(Source: Scott's Congressional Site, <http://ow.ly/xTmeo>)



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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