



US House Virginia 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.

HAVING TROUBLE CUTTING THROUGH THE POLITICAL CAMPAIGN CLUTTER?

AARP is committed to helping you get the facts you need to choose candidates who reflect your views and values. We are nonpartisan – we don't support or oppose any political candidates or contribute any money to campaigns or political action committees. Our priority is ensuring you know where the candidates stand before you cast your vote.



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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.

Morgan Griffith (Rep):

Congressman Griffith is a fighter for Senior citizens. In Washington, he supports common-sense reforms to programs like Social Security and Medicare, but not at the risk of hurting our senior citizens. Social Security is an agreement between the US government and the American worker, a contract that says that we will pay a with-holding tax on our income and the government will pay us back our money with interest once we reach retirement age. Social Security benefits must be protected, but the institution is in trouble. [...] Congressman Griffith is dedicated to ensuring its long-term solvency. (Source: Griffith Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/z887T>)

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.

Morgan Griffith (Rep):

[...] We must make sure that Medicare continues to exist for the next generation of Senior citizens. We must protect this program. We need to be using modern technology to stop the billions of dollars that seniors are being cheated out of each year in Medicare fraud. Those who claim to provide services to the needy but who in fact are cheats are amongst the most vile of non-violent criminals. [...] We need to be using the same modeling technology to catch Medicare fraud that credit card companies are using to catch fraudulent charges. (Source: Griffith Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/z887T>)

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.

Morgan Griffith (Rep):

One of the best ways to create jobs is to get the government out of the way. The hard work and determination of our people made this country into the great nation it is today. Many parts of Southside and Southwest Virginia have experienced higher than average unemployment rates for years. Lower taxes, sensible regulation, and a playing field not tilted so heavily towards foreign countries will allow private enterprises in Southside and Southwest Virginia to regain their competitive advantage due to innovation and a strong work ethic. (Source: Griffiths Congressional Site <http://ow.ly/xTzFO>)



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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