



## US House Virginia District 11

### **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.

### **Gerry Connolly (Dem):**

He believes we must preserve Social Security and Medicare for future generations and has fought efforts to undermine the programs. Congressman Connolly is a member of the Congressional Seniors Task Force, where he is promoting legislation to improve financial security, affordable health care, and quality of life for older Americans including: Helping seniors avoid foreclosure and stay in their homes (H.R. 1106)... Closing the Medicare prescription drug donut hole and providing free preventative care (H.R. 3590) Preventing reductions in doctor reimbursements for Medicare and TRICARE beneficiaries (H.R. 3961) (Source: Connolly's Congressional Site, <http://ow.ly/xTBu1>)

### **Suzanne Scholte (Rep):**

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

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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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## **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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### **Suzanne Scholte (Rep):**

If you vote for me on November 4th and allow me the honor of serving you in Congress, I will work to: [...] Help promote our small businesses that are the backbone of our economy; Protect the benefits we promised our veterans, federal workers and retirees who were severely harmed financially by the recent sequester and cuts to defense voted for by our Congressman; I especially want to ensure that FEHB is there for current and future retirees [...]; Work to reduce our \$17 trillion debt by cutting waste, fraud and abuse, simplifying our tax code, and work for entitlement reform before these programs bankrupt our country; (Source: Scholte Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/z8bv3>)



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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