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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.

Pedro Celis (Rep):

Personal savings accounts are the only solution being discussed that goes to the core of these problems. It proposes to solve the second problem by fixing the first. Private accounts, in essence, move some of the burden of supporting future retirees to current workers (to the future retirees themselves) and go to the core of the problem (change the ratio of workers to retirees). (Source: Washington Policy Maker, <http://ow.ly/xV05x>)

Suzan K. DelBene (Dem):

Social Security has long been a building block of our middle class and I am committed to strengthening and protecting it. America's senior citizens worked hard for their retirement and deserve the dignity afforded by these benefits. I do not believe it's appropriate to dramatically cut seniors' benefits or to privatize the system; these proposals would only weaken the system and break our promise to citizens who have paid for and earned their benefits. (Source: Del Bene's Congressional Site, <http://ow.ly/xVmnY>)

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.

Pedro Celis (Rep):

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

Suzan K. DelBene (Dem):

Medicare is relied upon by millions of seniors and must be protected. I will fight against any efforts to privatize or dismantle the Medicare system. Instead of shifting greater costs onto our seniors, we should work to control the rising cost of care. To help bring down the costs for seniors, I support allowing Medicare to negotiate prescription drug prices. (Source: Del Bene's Congressional Site, <http://ow.ly/xVmnY>)

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.

Pedro Celis (Rep):

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Suzan K. DelBene (Dem):

For far too many working families today, a safe and secure retirement is out of their reach. I believe those who have worked hard their whole lives deserve the promises made to them after their years of service and work. We need to look at innovative policies to turn back the trend of employers rolling back or eliminating retirement benefits. We should be making it easier for employers to help their workers build a secure retirement. (Source: Del Bene Campaign Site <http://ow.ly/zR3gc>)



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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